



## Arabs call for U.N. session

UNITED NATIONS (R) — The Arab group Wednesday called for an immediate meeting of the Security Council to resume debate on Israel's policy of establishing settlements in occupied territories. The request was contained in a letter to council President Oleg Troyanovsky of the Soviet Union from Saad Al Bataineh, the charge d'affaires of Jordan, current chairman of the Arab group. The council last discussed the settlements issue at a meeting on Nov. 12 that was adjourned indefinitely. The request is expected to be discussed at previously-scheduled closed-door consultations by council members on their current work schedule.

## S. Arabia receives 2 new warships

BAHRAIN (R) — Saudi Arabia took delivery of two warships Wednesday, the first of an undisclosed number of ships ordered from the United States, the Saudi Press Agency said. The warships were welcomed to Jubail by ships sounding their sirens as two U.S.-made F-15 fighters flew overhead. The Saudi newspaper Okaz quoted Defence Minister Prince Sultan Ibn Abdul Aziz as saying reduced oil revenue would not affect Saudi defence spending. The kingdom has budgeted 93 billion riyals (\$27 billion) for defence and security in 1983. Saudi Arabia, the world's largest oil exporter, has a navy of 2,200 men with nine Corvettes and a number of coastal patrol craft at six bases on the Gulf and the Red Sea, according to the London-based International Institute for Strategic Studies.

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## Arafat holds talks in Jeddah

BAHRAIN (R) — Palestinian leader Yasser Arafat held talks in Jeddah Wednesday with Saudi Defence Minister Prince Sultan Ibn Abdul Aziz and Foreign Minister Saud Al Faisal, the Saudi Press Agency said. The agency said only that the discussions centred on several Arab issues, but it is thought Mr. Arafat briefed the Saudi officials on his latest round of talks in Jordan, which he visited prior to his visit to Saudi Arabia. Mr. Arafat, chairman of the Palestine Liberation Organisation, arrived in Jeddah from Amman Tuesday night. He was accompanied by his top military aide Khalil Al Wazir.

## Fahd confers with Libyan minister

BAHRAIN (R) — King Fahd of Saudi Arabia met the Libyan oil minister, Kamel Hassan Al Makhour, in Jeddah Wednesday for what Gulf analysts said would probably be talks on a crisis within the Organisation of Petroleum Exporting Countries (OPEC). The Saudi Press Agency said the meeting was attended by Ahmad Ibn Mohammed Qazzaf, described as a special envoy of Libyan leader Muammar Qadhafi, and Saudi Minister of State Mohammed Ibrahim Massoud. The agency gave no details of the visit, which marked the first by a senior Libyan official to Saudi Arabia since a Riyadh decision last month to return its ambassador to Tripoli. Saudi Arabia broke off relations with Tripoli in October, 1980, after Libya criticised the kingdom for obtaining United States surveillance planes to protect its oilfields at the start of the Iran-Iraq war. OPEC members are trying to head off a possible sharp fall in oil prices as some members undercut official OPEC prices to boost their share of the world market.

## Reagan appeals to Moscow to match 'good faith'

WASHINGTON (R) — President Reagan appealed to the Soviet Union Wednesday to match what he called his own good faith in negotiations to reduce nuclear and conventional arms. He said in a message to Congress that his goal was to reach agreements producing international security and stability and to deter aggression against the United States and its allies. Mr. Reagan's letter, which accompanied the annual report of the U.S. arms control and disarmament agency, said: "We are encouraged by the serious and businesslike conduct of these negotiations so far. Although much hard bargaining lies ahead, I am determined to bargain in good faith until our objectives can be realised. We urge on our Soviet negotiating partners equal seriousness of purpose."

## Soviet, Turkish ships collide in Dardanelles

STANBUL (R) — A Soviet tanker and a Turkish cargo vessel collided in the Dardanelles Straits Wednesday, causing considerable damage to both but no casualties, Turkish officials said. The 23,110 tonne tanker Novorossiysk, from the Black Sea, and the 16,964 gross tonne Turkish vessel Isparta collided in the straits near the exit to the Aegean, they said. Both ships were towed into Istanbul harbour, they added.

# Israeli cabinet postpones decision on Sharon's future

TEL AVIV (R) — The Israeli cabinet Wednesday night postponed a decision on the future of disgraced Defence Minister Ariel Sharon, whose dismissal has been recommended by a judicial inquiry.

The cabinet, under mounting pressure to sack Mr. Sharon because of his indirect role in last September's Beirut massacre of Palestinians, met for three hours.

Officials said it would convene again Thursday. The cabinet's decision followed an appeal from Chief of Staff Rafael Eitan that ministers should allow two generals censured by the inquiry to put their case to the government, cabinet sources said.

The two generals, military intelligence chief Yehoshua Saguy and Beirut commander Amos Yaron, were both severely criticised by the judicial inquiry for failing to foresee the dangers of sending Lebanese militia into Palestinian refugee camps.

The inquiry recommended that Gen. Saguy be dismissed from his post and Brig. Yaron be barred from holding a field command for three years.

Gen. Eitan, who was himself denounced by the inquiry for dereliction of duty, attended Wednesday night's cabinet.

given no signal he was prepared to spare Mr. Begin embarrassment by resigning.

Taking the offensive, the hawkish defence minister said he would fight to save the careers of army generals and commanders who, like him, were censured by the inquiry.

Earlier in Tel Aviv, Mr. Sharon summoned the military general staff and told them he would urge the cabinet not to implement the inquiry's recommendations.

Mr. Sharon, whose speech was later leaked to correspondents, said if the inquiry's recommendations were followed it would impair the army's fighting capability.

The prime minister, anxious not to alienate right-wing voters by dismissing Mr. Sharon, has made no public statement on the inquiry's report. He spent much of the day consulting coalition partners.

Israeli newspapers and opposition politicians were nearly unanimous Wednesday in calling for the speedy implementation of all the report's recommendations. Government sources who asked not to be identified said that a majority of ministers now wanted Mr. Sharon to step down.

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His Majesty King Hussein and Foreign Minister Marwan Al Qasem (right) Wednesday confer with Dutch Foreign Minister Hans van Den Broek, who is on a short visit to Jordan (Petra photo)

## King receives Dutch minister

AMMAN (Petra) — His Majesty King Hussein received at the Royal Court Wednesday visiting Dutch Foreign Minister Hans van Den Broek with whom he discussed current world issues, the Middle East question and current Arab and international efforts for a just and durable peace in the region.

King Hussein called for the implementation of the U.N. Resolution 242 and stressed the need to enable the Palestinian people to regain their legitimate rights in their homeland.

East. King Hussein warned against continued Israeli occupation of Lebanon and denounced Iranian aggression on Iraq and the Arab Nation.

He also called on European nations to take a more active role in establishing peace in the Middle East.

The audience was met attended by Foreign Minister Marwan Al Qasem.

## Iraq reports renewed fighting

BAGHDAD (R) — Iraq Wednesday reported further bloodshed in a major battle that has developed following a new Iranian offensive in the 29-month-old Gulf war.

An Iraqi military spokesman said about 440 attacking Iranians were killed Tuesday, but he gave no indication of Iraqi losses.

According to the Iraqis, Iran has hurled large formations against Iraq's Fourth Army Corps which is defending the border along a battlefield of 30 to 40 kilometres located broadly to the east of the town of Amara.

Media correspondents were not allowed up to the battle line because of the latest Iranian attack. But Iraqi newspaper photographs suggest the terrain is flat and the Iranians must advance through barbed wire entanglements.

The Iranian news agency, IRNA, Wednesday gave no details of ground battles in the area, but said both Iranian and Iraqi forces had been locked in artillery duels in the northern sector of the front.

It said 100 Iraqis had been killed or wounded on the northern front.

Tehran Radio, monitored in London, said Iranian air defence units had foiled attempts by Iraqi planes to bomb the western city of Ilam, a major target of Iraqi air raids since the war broke out 29 months ago.

IRNA said later that Iraqi long-range artillery had shelled the southern city of Abadan, killing four people and wounding eight.

It said the Iranians retaliated by pounding Iraqi military positions in eastern Iraq.

Egyptian envoys in Iraq

The Egyptian minister of state for foreign affairs, Boutros Ghali, arrived in Baghdad Wednesday, the Iraqi News Agency (INA) said.

He was accompanied by an adviser to President Hosni Mubarak, Osama Al Baz, on the trip, the first reported visit by senior Egyptian officials to Baghdad for several years.

INA said the Egyptian minister would discuss both Middle East issues and the Iraq-Iran war in which Egyptian volunteers are fighting alongside Iraqi troops.

Egypt has also sent weapons to Iraq and reports published outside Iraq have said the aid included Soviet-supplied equipment worth up to \$1 billion.

Diplomats said, however, they expected the talks will concentrate on latest moves towards an Arab-Israeli settlement.

Meanwhile, Iraq said its navy and air force had destroyed three unidentified naval targets Wednesday in the Gulf near Khor Fous.

Appeal to U.N.

Iraq has urged the United Nations to help end the war. In a telegram to Secretary-General Javier Perez de Cuellar, published Wednesday, Iraqi Deputy Prime Minister and Foreign Minister Tariq Aziz said Iraqi forces had been able to repel the first wave of the Iranian attack.

Iraqi general describes 'decisive' battle, page 8

## Shultz: U.S. to continue Vietnam's isolation

HONG KONG (R) — U.S. Secretary of State George Shultz said Wednesday the United States would continue its policy of seeking to isolate Vietnam as long as it backed the Heng Samrin regime in Kampuchea.

Mr. Shultz, winding up a 12-day Asian tour, told reporters Vietnam's behaviour "is outside the pale."

He also linked his tour to that of U.S. Vice-President George Bush, now in Europe seeking support for American policy on deployment of nuclear missiles there.

The Secretary of state said Vietnam had isolated itself by its actions, both economically and in the United Nations where a majority has repeatedly voted to recognise the Khmer Rouge government overthrown by the Hanoi-backed forces of Heng Samrin.

The United States supports a three-member opposition coalition headed by Prince Norodom Sihanouk whom Mr. Shultz met in Peking during his current tour.

Of the Vietnamese, he said: "Their behaviour is outside the pale. We oppose what they are doing and I do not think there is anything to be gained by changing our stance in that regard."

Mr. Shultz said the United States and China shared the objective of getting the Vietnamese out of Kampuchea and allowing the emergence of a government "responsive to the will of the people."

## Vietnamese, Khmer rebels trade heavy artillery fire

ARANYAPRATHET, Thailand (Agencies) — Rival forces Wednesday traded heavy artillery fire along the Thai-Kampuchean border opposite several encampments housing tens of thousands of refugees, front-line reports said.

On the diplomatic front, Soviet Deputy Foreign Minister Mikhail Kapitsa left Bangkok Wednesday for Hanoi at the end of a three-nation tour of non-Communist Southeast Asia that had also taken him to Indonesia and Malaysia.

The thunder of incoming and outgoing rounds began reverberating in this frontier town, 230 kilometres east of Bangkok, at dawn.

International aid officials said there was heavy shelling around the destroyed camp at Nong Chan, 30 kilometres north of here, and near the Nong Samet camp, which houses more than 50,000 refugees to the north.

On Tuesday, Vietnamese forces also shelled guerrilla Kampuchean positions near Ban Sang-Nae, headquarters of the Khmer People's National Liberation Front (KPNLF) and home to about 17,000 civilian refugees.

Both Nong Samet and Ban Sang-Nae, which are generally said to straddle the frontier, harbour key KPNLF garrisons.

using both nuclear tension and nuclear weapons in Europe.

Despite a growing peace movement in Britain and increasing public unease about having U.S. Cruise missiles based in Britain from later this year, Mr. Bush seemed certain to get British government assurances that its resolve was unshaken.

His first meeting was with Foreign Secretary Francis Pym and diplomatic sources expected Mr. Bush would be urged to show a degree of flexibility in arms negotiations with Moscow.

Mr. Bush, who has stressed Washington genuinely wanted arms curbs and would consider any constructive Soviet proposals,

made no comment after the hour-long talks.

The Foreign Office described them as essentially preliminary discussions on East-West relations.

Mr. Bush then left to meet opposition leader Michael Foot, who has pledged to ban nuclear weapons and close down U.S. bases in Britain if his Labour Party were to win an early general election widely expected to be called later this year.

The British Campaign for Nuclear Disarmament (CND) was marshalling its forces to demonstrate against Mr. Bush and Kenneth Livingstone, left-wing leader of Greater London's Lab-

## Freij urges Palestinians to accept U.S. plan

CAIRO (R) — Elias Freij, mayor of Bethlehem in the occupied West Bank, said after talks with Egyptian President Hosni Mubarak Wednesday that the Palestinians should accept President Reagan's peace plan for the Middle East.

Mr. Freij was speaking ahead of a crucial Palestine National Council meeting in Algiers next week to work out a unified stand towards various proposals for a Middle East peace settlement.

The mayor flew later to Amman for talks on what he said were the

prospects for forming a joint Palestinian-Jordanian delegation to negotiate with Israel under Mr. Reagan's plan.

"I believe we must accept the plan and start a political dialogue as Palestinians with the American administration," Mr. Freij said.

President Mubarak has been urging the Palestine Liberation Organisation (PLO) to accept the American plan, which calls for Palestinian self-rule in the West Bank and Gaza Strip in association with Jordan.

President Mubarak also con-

ferred Wednesday with Ibrahim Shukri, leader of the Egyptian Socialist Labour Party, who will attend the Algiers meeting as observer with some 60 other opposition leaders from Egypt.

Mr. Shukri said the Palestinians must take advantage of the present circumstances.

"Our presence will be an attempt to support the PLO in its policies and to prod them to take advantage of the present circumstances to solve the Palestine problem," he said.

## £10 million racehorse kidnapped

NEWBRIDGE, Ireland (R) — Armed men Wednesday kidnapped one of the world's greatest racehorses from an Irish stud farm and said they would demand a ransom of £2 million (\$3 million) for it.

The racing world was rocked, and experts predicted that its owners would reject the ransom demand for Shergar, a winner of the English Derby.

Shergar, owned by a syndicate including the Aga Khan and valued at £10 million (\$15 million), was snatched from a Newbridge stud farm in a horsebox by two

armed men.

Racing experts said it was the first recorded kidnapping of a stallion at stud and had sparked fears that it might be the first instance of a new type of crime.

The Aga Khan, told of the snatch at his Paris headquarters, was reported to be stunned. Former trainer Michael Stoute said: "Shergar was the best horse I ever trained and I only hope to God nothing happens to him."

The raid took place during darkness at the lonely Ballymany stud farm 65 kilometres from Dublin

and would be difficult to mount without local knowledge, police sources said.

The raiders locked head groom James Fitzgerald's family in a room in their house and took Mr. Fitzgerald with them blindfolded in the horsebox. They released him after telling him the ransom sum they planned to demand.

Shergar won a reputation as one of the world's greatest racehorses and cantered home in the 1981 English Derby Classic by 10 lengths, the widest margin this century.

## Hussein, Junblatt confer

AMMAN (Petra) — His Majesty King Hussein received at the Royal Court Wednesday Mr. Walid Junblatt, leader of the Lebanese Progressive Socialist Party, with whom he discussed the situation in Lebanon and progress in Lebanese-Israeli-American negotiations aimed at securing an Israeli withdrawal from Lebanese territory.

During the meeting King Hussein called for a speedy withdrawal of Israeli forces from all Lebanon and stressed the importance of safeguarding the unity and independence of that country.

## Jordan denounces Syria-Libya statement

AMMAN (Petra) — Jordan Wednesday denounced a statement issued by Libya and Syria supporting Iran in its war with Iraq and called on all Arab countries to stand "firmly behind Iraq in its efforts to repel Iran's aggression."

The Jordanian cabinet, in a statement Wednesday after a regular session, described the Damascus statement issued last month as a declaration of "support for continued Iranian aggression on the Arab Nation," and urged Arab states to abide by the provisions of the Arab League pact and the Joint Arab Defence Treaty.

The cabinet also reviewed reports from the Iran-Iraq battlefield and reiterated Jordan's "total support for Iraq's steadfastness and defence of the Arab Homeland."

"It is regrettable that the Iranian aggression on Arab land find encouragement and support from certain Arab regimes," the cabinet statement said.

Later Wednesday Prime Minister Mudar Badran conferred in his office with Iraqi Ambassador to Jordan Ibrahim Shuja' Sultan.

## Eitan defends orders to harass Palestinians

TEL AVIV (R) — Israeli army chief Rafael Eitan, censured Tuesday by a judicial inquiry into the Beirut massacre last September, Wednesday defended orders he issued to troops six months earlier to harass Palestinians on the occupied West Bank during a period of violent unrest and demonstrations there.

LT-Gen. Eitan was testifying at the court martial of seven Israeli soldiers accused of brutally mistreating Palestinian youths in the West Bank town of Hebron last March.

It was his first appearance in public since Tuesday's publication of the report of the commission of inquiry into the massacre by Lebanese rightist militias of hundreds of Palestinian civilians in two Beirut refugee camps. The report said Gen. Eitan bore a large part in Israel's indirect responsibility for the atrocity.

The three-man commission said it would have recommended Gen. Eitan's dismissal, but had refrained from doing so because he was due to retire in April.

"The chief of staff's inaction...constitutes a breach and dereliction of the duty incumbent on the chief of staff," the report said.

Wednesday's trial, together with the judicial inquiry, has focused public attention on controversial decisions made by senior army officers concerning Palestinian civilians.

Gen. Eitan, 54, was asked Wednesday to explain two documents from his office telling soldiers to "harass the West Bank population."

The seven accused, including a major who served as deputy military governor of Hebron when the incidents occurred, have said they were following orders from top army ranks.

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## HOME NEWS

### Maldives minister wants closer ties with Arab and Islamic nations

AMMAN (Petra) — The Maldives want stronger relations with Arab and Islamic nations, and support their causes, especially the struggle against Israel, the Islands Minister of Transport Ahmad Mogu Thana said here Wednesday.

Mr. Thana, who arrived for a 24 hour visit to Jordan, said his country considers Israel's occupation of Arab lands and holy places as a challenge to all Muslim nations. During Israel's invasion of Lebanon, the Maldivi people, led by

their President Ma'moun Abdul Qayoum, staged demonstrations expressing their condemnation of such aggression, Mr. Thana said.

He also thanked Jordan deeply for its role as a prime-mover in attaining his country's acceptance

as a U.N. member nation.

In reply to a question by the Jordan News Agency, Petra, Mr. Thana said that his country supports the Foz Arab Summit Plan for establishing peace in the Middle East, and backs the struggle of the Palestinian people to regain their homelands.

During the visit Mr. Thana is expected to hold talks with Transport Minister Ali Suheimat and other senior Jordanian officials.



The Maldivi Islands Minister of Transport, Ahmad Mogu Thana, holds discussions with Jordanian officials during his 24 hour visit. (Petra photo)

### Feasibility study to be commissioned for compound chemical fertiliser factory

AMMAN (Petra) — The Arab Potash Company (APC), the Jordan Fertiliser Industry Company (JFIC) and the Jordan Phosphates Mines Company (JPMC) are currently cooperating in the marketing of fertiliser products abroad, while trying to boost output at home, according to APC Director-General and Chairman of the three companies' joint Coordination Committee Ali Khasawneh.

He said that Jordan has two of the basic elements needed to produce chemical fertilisers, namely potash and phosphates, but lacks the third necessary element of nitrogen, which is found in abundance in Arab oil producing countries.

Our priority now is to establish a factory for producing compound chemical fertilisers in cooperation with Arab countries, Dr. Khasawneh added.

sawneh said. He added that the project is now under joint study by the APC, JFIC and JPMC prior to inviting tenders from international firms for a feasibility study of the project.

When implemented, such a project will create jobs for Jordanian workers and technicians, and will earn the country large amounts of foreign exchange, Dr. Khasawneh added.



Wadi El Yabis marketing centre in the Jordan Valley (Photo: Margi Bryant)

### British Institute assesses marketing developments in the Jordan Valley

By Margi Bryant  
Special to the Jordan Times

A team from Britain's Tropical Products Institute (TPI) Wednesday concluded a ten-day visit to Jordan where they have been assessing agricultural marketing developments in the Jordan Valley. Their visit comes at a time when recent decisions by the Higher Agricultural Council (HAC) have confirmed the vital importance of agricultural marketing to Jordan's overall economic development.

TPI is part of the U.K. Overseas Development Administration, and its area of responsibility covers everything that happens to a crop after harvesting—including storage, transportation, processing, quality control and marketing.

TPI first became involved in the Jordan Valley in 1977 when they carried out the feasibility study for the Wadi El Yabis marketing centre. This resulted in an ODA project loan of £1.45 million (JD 1 million at then-prevailing values) towards the JD 1.3 million total cost of the centre, and the provision of two long-term technical advisers to the Jordan Valley Authority (JVA). The feasibility study report stressed the importance of quality control in agricultural produce and packaging if Jordan was to maintain—let alone improve—its position as an exporter of fresh fruit and vegetables to neighbouring Arab countries.

The Wadi El Yabis marketing centre is the second in a string of four sorting, grading, packaging

and auctioning centres which the JVA is building in the Valley to replace the old local assembly markets. The first centre, at El Arda, was built with Dutch aid and opened for a trial run in 1981, but has since been turned over to tomato paste-processing.

Wadi El Yabis was substantially completed last year and is expected to commence operations in the forthcoming season. Its design and consultant engineering were by the British firm Covell Matthews, with construction by the Jordanian company Development Engineering Ltd.

The centre contains two large grading and packaging lines for tomatoes, with throughput capacities of ten and six tonnes per hour, two small tomato lines with hourly capacities of two tonnes each, and two lines for other vegetables with hourly capacities of five tonnes each. All the equipment comes from Roda International of Italy. The centre also has a large auction hall and a box factory, and a cold store may be added later.

With construction of Wadi El Yabis completed, and two more centres—at South Shuneh and Safi—under way, problems have arisen over the context in which the marketing centres are going to operate. Though built under JVA auspices, they were intended to be run by the Jordan Valley Farmers' Association, but it soon became clear that the Association—a fairly young organisation with experience primarily in the spheres of credit and farm supply—was clearly not ready to take on the job of

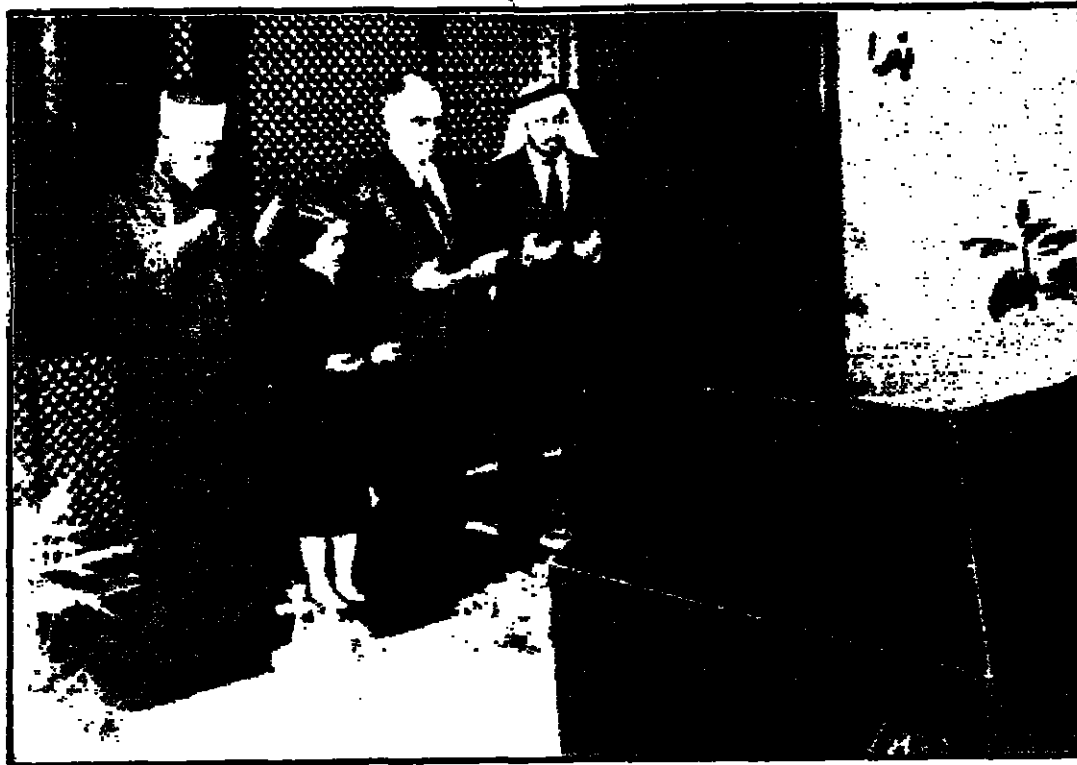
running the centres.

ODA and the other funding agencies have also been concerned that the centres were likely to exist in a vacuum, having no defined role in any broader marketing and export strategy. These worries have now been somewhat allayed by the decision of the Higher Agricultural Council (HAC) to form two agricultural marketing organisations—one a joint public/private sector company which will run the marketing centres, and the other a regulatory body to enforce quality control in produce and packaging.

"The most important recent development on Jordan's agricultural scene is this twin-yolked egg which the HAC is hatching," Mr. Mike Morgan Rees, deputy director of TPI, told the Jordan Times. The regulatory body was the most important of the two, he added, as it would force farmers and traders to aim for the high standards which the markets in other Arab countries—especially Saudi Arabia and the Gulf—now demand.

At the same time, said Mr. Morgan Rees, a lot of good market research is needed in order to identify the most promising export outlets and their requirements. "This has been a neglected area so far," he added.

Though Britain is keeping its involvement fairly low-key until the new organisations actually come into being, there are hints that the ODA would consider assisting either or both organisations with financial and/or technical assistance.



His Majesty King Hussein and Princess Haya visit the tomb of the late Queen Alia. (Petra photo)

### Hussein marks the sixth anniversary of Alia's death

AMMAN (Petra) — His Majesty King Hussein Wednesday visited the tomb of the late Queen Alia on the sixth anniversary of her death.

where he recited verses of the Holy Koran. He was accompanied by his daughter Princess Haya.

Queen Alia died in a helicopter crash in 1977 between Amman and Madaba.



Jordanian armed forces Commander-in-Chief Zaid Ibn Shaker (second from left) holds talks with a Pakistani military delegation (Petra photo)

### Pakistani military delegation meets the Jordanian Commander-in-Chief

AMMAN (Petra) — A Pakistani military delegation had a meeting here Wednesday with the Armed Forces Commander-in-Chief Lt.-Gen. Sharif Zaid Ibn Shaker. The meeting was attended by Army Chief of Staff Fathi Abu

Taleb. The delegation arrived in Amman Wednesday morning for a visit to Jordan expected to last several days. Its members will hold talks with the Jordanian military, and will tour army installations and positions as well as archaeological sites in the country.

Upon arriving in Amman the delegation was met by senior government army officers, the Pakistani ambassador to Jordan Prof. Ehsan Rashid, and embassy staff.

### 3-day seminar on Islam and the modern economy opens at the University

AMMAN (Petra) — A three-day seminar on the Islamic economy and its inter-relationships with modern economic systems opened at the University of Jordan Wednesday under the patronage of His Royal Highness Crown Prince Hassan.

University President Abdul Salam Al Majali, who deputised for Prince Hassan, made the main address at the opening session, in which he called on the participants to find ways of applying Islamic rules in resolving modern economic problems.

The seminar is designed to give specialists the chance to try to tackle economic problems in the Arab and Islamic worlds by implementing Islamic economic principles, Dr. Majali said. He said Islam had prescribed rules for solving problems related to economic, commercial, industrial and agricultural issues, and experts are invited to try to make use of them.

Other speakers in the first session included the university's Economy and Commerce Faculty Dean Dr. Wadie Sharaiha, and Dr. Nouri Al Oaisi from the Iraqi

Research and Studies Institute, who also called on the participants to apply Islamic laws in solving economic problems in the Arab and Islamic worlds.

The delegates, representing seven Arab countries, will be discussing how Islamic principles affect labour-related issues, economic planning, land ownership, monetary policies. Taking part in the seminar are representatives from Jordan, Iraq, Kuwait, Abu Dhabi, Saudi Arabia, Egypt and Syria.



A three day seminar on Islam and contemporary economics began Wednesday at the University of Jordan (Petra photo)

### Committee urges PNC to endorse Jordanian Palestinian cooperation

AMMAN (Petra) — The Amman-based Arab Higher Committee for Palestine Wednesday called on the Lebanese government and Arab states to adopt measures to safeguard Palestinian people living in Lebanon, as well as their institutions.

In a statement issued in Amman, the committee denounced by attempts at interference in the affairs of the Palestinian people and to improve restrictions on the Palestinian leadership.

The statement welcomed the forthcoming meeting of the Palestine National Council (PNC) in

Algeria, and hoped that it would adopt resolutions to endorse Jordanian Palestinian plans for cooperation and unity among both peoples.

The statement expressed total support for Iraq and praised its successes in the war against the Iranian enemy in defence of the Arab Nation. The committee statement also contained a condemnation of a recent statement issued in Damascus extending support for Iran. The Syrian-Libyan-Iranian statement represents an extension of the Israeli-Iranian alliance against the Arab Nation, the statement said.

### Iraq and Jordan agree on cooperation in sport and youth-related affairs

AMMAN (Petra) — Jordan and Iraq have reached agreement on bilateral cooperation in youth-related affairs and sports coordination. They have also agreed that Iraqi sports coaches should go to Jordan to train promising Jordanian sportsmen.

Agreement was reached in talks held in Iraq over the past four days between Jordanian Minister of Culture and Youth Ma'an Abu Nowar and Iraqi Minister of Culture and Youth Ahmad Hussein Al Samarra'i. Both sides agreed on bolstering mutual cooperation in sports and youth activities on both regional and international levels. Mr. Abu Nowar said upon returning here Wednesday from

Baghdad. He said that in addition to his Iraqi counterpart, he met Iraqi first Vice Premier Taha Yassin Ramadan, Foreign Minister Tariq Aziz and Minister of Culture and Information Latif Nasif Jassem.

The minister added that Jordan is now preparing for participation in the Los Angeles Olympic Games, and that Jordanian sports teams will also play matches in several Arab countries. He also called for coordination among Arab states in youth and sports affairs generally. The minister was accompanied on the Iraqi visit by the Administrative Director at the Ministry of Culture and Youth Usama Miquddi.

## NEWS IN BRIEF

### JEA extends electrification

KARAK (Petra) — The Jordan Electricity Authority (JEA) announced Wednesday that it has just supplied the two villages of Saka and Samra in Karak Governorate with electricity. The electrification project entailed extending existing cables for 10 kilometres, with the power being fed to the two villages from the 11,000 volt high tension grid in the region. A JEA spokesman said. In the coming week JEA will supply the town of Taybeh, also in Karak Governorate, with electricity, the spokesman said.

### Telephone seminar begins Wednesday

AMMAN (Petra) — A seminar on operating and maintaining the new telephone network in Jordan was held at the Telecommunications Corporation (TCC) Wednesday. Attending the seminar were 40 engineers and directors of TCC offices around the country who were briefed on an organisational plan for the modernisation of the telephone network.

### Yarmouk University resumes the session

IRBID (Petra) — Classes re-opened at Yarmouk University after a three week mid-year holiday. All students registered for day-time and evening classes in the current academic year resumed study in the various faculties, a university announcement said.

### Joint services provisions in the Ajloun District discussed by Ministry

AMMAN (Petra) — The needs of the joint services council, set up to run services for six towns in Ajloun District, were discussed at a meeting held Wednesday at the Ministry of Municipal and Rural Affairs and the Environment.

The meeting, chaired by Minister Hassan Al Momani, discussed the establishment of a slaughter house to serve the six towns. It also discussed the provision of a refrigerator truck, an ambulance and a snow plough. It

then reviewed plans for building agricultural roads and constructing schools in the district. The towns represented on the council are Ajloun, Ibbin, Ain Jana, Sakhra, Billin and Kufrunjeh.

Minister Momani also received Wednesday the Fuhais Municipal Council to discuss ways of implementing the municipality's 1983 services programme. Several ministry aides were present at the meeting.

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## FEATURES

## Kremlin in search of better deal for the man in the street

By Brian Killen  
Reuter

MOSCOW — The Soviet government has issued a decree calling for a better deal for the man in the street, apparently part of a concerted drive by the new leadership to improve the Kremlin's image at home.

Since coming to power in November, Soviet leader Yuri Andropov has spearheaded a vigorous campaign for better services and increased efficiency.

His clear intention has been to shake the inertia out of the Soviet economic system but some Western diplomats have noted a degree

of public relations work behind the efficiency drive.

The decree said shortcomings in service industries indirectly harmed the economy because long queues at food shops and delays in other services left people with less time for work and it called for "the needs of the Soviet people to be met more fully and better."

One diplomat said: "Much of this new decree is pure public relations, but it ties in with recent unusual reports of politburo meetings and the new style of leadership."

Under Mr. Andropov, the Soviet leadership has published a series of accounts of Communist

Party politburo meetings, apparently reflecting the Kremlin's desire to show that it is working in the public interest.

Politburo sessions are not normally mentioned in the Soviet press and during Leonid Brezhnev's 18 years as party leader they were shrouded in secrecy and anonymity.

The latest decree and the politburo accounts appear to be part of a skilfully-conducted campaign aimed at popularising the view that the new Kremlin leaders are not only aware of the problems of the long-suffering Soviet consumer but are doing something about them.

At the latest politburo meeting the leadership was reported to have discussed shortcomings in service industries. It promised that the authorities would try to make shopping easier by improving the country's lagging service sector.

Shortly afterwards, the new decree was issued. It was preceded by stinging complaints published in the state-controlled media that followed a pattern similar to that used before the publication of two previous major decrees.

A letter published under the heading "every service should be kind" appeared recently in the government newspaper Izvestia. It called for an end to sloppy

service in shops, laundries and dining rooms and complained of long delays in repairs and in receiving goods which had been ordered and paid for.

"Customers often wait the thresholds of repair shops for months and even years," the letter said.

Lorry drivers, waiters, taxi drivers, piano tuners and even nurses thought that there was nothing shameful in asking for a little extra over and above what they receive according to official prices, it added.

Last December the politburo announced that it had discussed letters written from ordinary people all over the country com-

plaining of poor management and corruption. One week later, new decrees toughening sentences for criminals, especially those involved in corruption, were announced.

Another major decree issued under Mr. Andropov's tenure concerned shortcomings in the transport system. This same topic was also reported to have been discussed at a politburo meeting and had been the subject of fierce press criticism.

The decree said there would be longer opening hours for shops, repair shops, clinics and other services "so that it will be more convenient for working people."

The decree also said there would be greater use of part-time workers, mostly pensioners and young mothers, and services would in future be available at the work place.

One of the most frequent complaints among Soviet consumers is that shoppers, who are mostly women, have to spend half their week queuing for food and other essentials.

Most food shops are already open until 8 p.m. but supplies of most foods are sold out by then.

The decree did not say how the new measures would be carried out, nor did it allocate government funds, but simply said that various ministries were charged with

implementing the proposals. Few would argue that it will be an extremely difficult and long process to change the Soviet Union's retail trade network and reduce the country's bottlenecks and lengthy queues.

Press articles have pointed out that a whole new infrastructure is required — modern sewing machines, pressing machines, better transport, cash registers and much more.

The scale of the task facing Mr. Andropov is enormous. Soviet scientists have calculated that in one year alone the population spends about 125 million man-hours on domestic chores.

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## What 'moral' obligation?

ANSWERING questions from television personalities in the Washington area earlier this week, U.S. President Ronald Reagan said Israel is "unnecessarily delaying" the withdrawal of its forces from Lebanon and sort of accused Israeli leaders of "neglecting" their "moral" obligation not to become an occupying force there. Those same Israeli leaders had the "morality" to send the Lebanese rightists to massacre hundreds of Palestinians in their Beirut refugee camps in September, but that is of course besides the point: the president could only pour words of praise on the "democratic" process inside Israel following the publication of the Kahan commission's findings on the Sabra and Shatila massacres.

The question now is: for how much longer can the U.S. president and his administration afford to hear the echo of their own sound when talking to their Israeli friends? Words of praise uttered or the threat of cutting U.S. aid to the Jewish state totally eliminated, for how much longer can he pretend that Israel will eventually come to grips with itself and seek peace on voluntary bases?

AMERICAN inability to secure an early Israeli withdrawal from Lebanon and getting an

immediate freeze on new Jewish settlements in the West Bank seem to have already swung opinion among the Arabs, but mainly within the Palestinian camp, against seeking a diplomatic solution to the Arab-Israeli conflict—the American style. What will Washington now do? Wait for Sharon to go, or for the entire Begin government to fall?

The Americans generally tend to think that they always have a good chance to succeed where others fail, and consequently there is no need to worry about them making it in the Middle East this time. In fact, our problem in the Arab World has not been so much worry about the Americans, because we know that, like the great people they are, they can look after themselves and their interests and that they have the superpower to do it. What should pose a big problem for all of us, however, is that their basic assumptions about the whole problem of Palestine are not adequate to bring any kind of fruitful results. Just when did Begin and Sharon, and those who put them in power, ever have any "moral" obligation other than to themselves and to their Zionist dreams? Can the American president remember and tell us?

## JORDAN'S ARABIC PRESS EDITORIALS

### Al Ra': Kahane report exposes the Israeli criminals

The massacres of Palestinian refugees in Beirut shocked the world and exposed the callous face of Israel, which, for the past three decades, has managed to deceive the international community. Therefore it was necessary for the Kahane judicial inquiry to apply plastic surgery to improve Israel's image.

The commission's report, which incriminated Sharon, Begin and other Zionist criminals, has in fact pinpointed the most abominable pustules in Israel's face. The surgery however cannot prevent the Israeli face in a new democratic image and thus deceive the world, since crime and democracy can never go hand in hand.

We can though, conclude the following from the

judicial inquiry: 1. That the American administration has a real opportunity now to rid itself of Israeli pressure and Zionist obstructionism towards the peace efforts, and that the American government has no pretext now in persisting to ignore the Palestine Liberation Organisation. 2. That the peace efforts are being obstructed by criminals who have been exposed by an Israeli judicial report. 3. That the European Community can now make a real assessment of the Middle East situation and exercise a more realistic and positive role towards establishing peace. 4. That African countries, particularly Zaire, should take heed of the Kahane report and consider carefully their future relations with the Zionist state.

### Al Dustour: Inquiry reveals ugly face of Zionism

The Israeli judicial report on the massacres of the Palestinian refugees last September coincided with the 50th anniversary of the emergence of the Nazis in Germany. Both stand out as stark proof of what sufferings can be inflicted on nations when extremists and fanatics are allowed to assume power and control the destiny of nations.

The Kahane report, which incriminated Israel's rulers, proves to the world that Begin, Sharon and other Zionists now in power are no less dangerous to the international community than Hitler and his clique, who caused so much sufferings during the Second World War.

### Sawt Al Shaab: Commission tries to minimise Israeli crimes

When Israel's crimes in the Sabra and Shatila camps shocked the world, the outcry forced Menachem Begin's government to set up a commission of inquiry to determine those responsible for the massacre. The commission's report published Tuesday, although it incriminates a number of Zionists, does not have the power to impose penalties on the criminals. It can only try to be considered as an attempt to deceive the world and present Israel as a

democratic state.

The world should remember that Sabra and Shatila represent only one stage of Israel's long series of crimes against the Arab people in general, and the Palestinians in particular. The report is designed to minimise the crime and limit its responsibility to a number of persons, so that Israel as a whole can escape world condemnation.

## RED & BLACK

By Jawad Ahmad

### Their man in Bolivia

These days are trying to all those concerned with waging peace in the Middle East. There seemed to be, for the first time, some kind of unanimity that Israel is on the wrong side and that she must be pressured to give in for the sake of peace.

For observers of the area, Begin's Israel is a peace-hater and decidedly so. If one put oneself in the shoes of this Begin, how would one react to the circumstances that are not going Begin's way?

First, one would try to disturb the current fragile quietness in the area. This can be done by instigating Druze and Phalangists to fight it out, or by planting explosives here and there and/or by stepping on the toes of American peace-keeping marines in Lebanon. Of course larger schemes can be contemplated.

Second: Israel can review its marketability as the agent

which implements America's ugly tricks in the area. The latest of these is the recently published report of an Israeli scheme to conquer the Gulf area through Jordan. Such reports serve to ensure Israeli superiority as well as serviceability to its masters in the U.S.A.

Third: Israel of course would try to damage the image of Arabs and Palestinians particularly the latter who have gained a great deal of sympathy after the Sabra and Shatila massacres.

Begin and company should worry a great deal over their election chances particularly since the Kahane report on the massacres incriminated Sharon among others. Apparently, in order to absorb the shock, Sharon tried to coerce the Lebanese into accepting some form of normalisation.

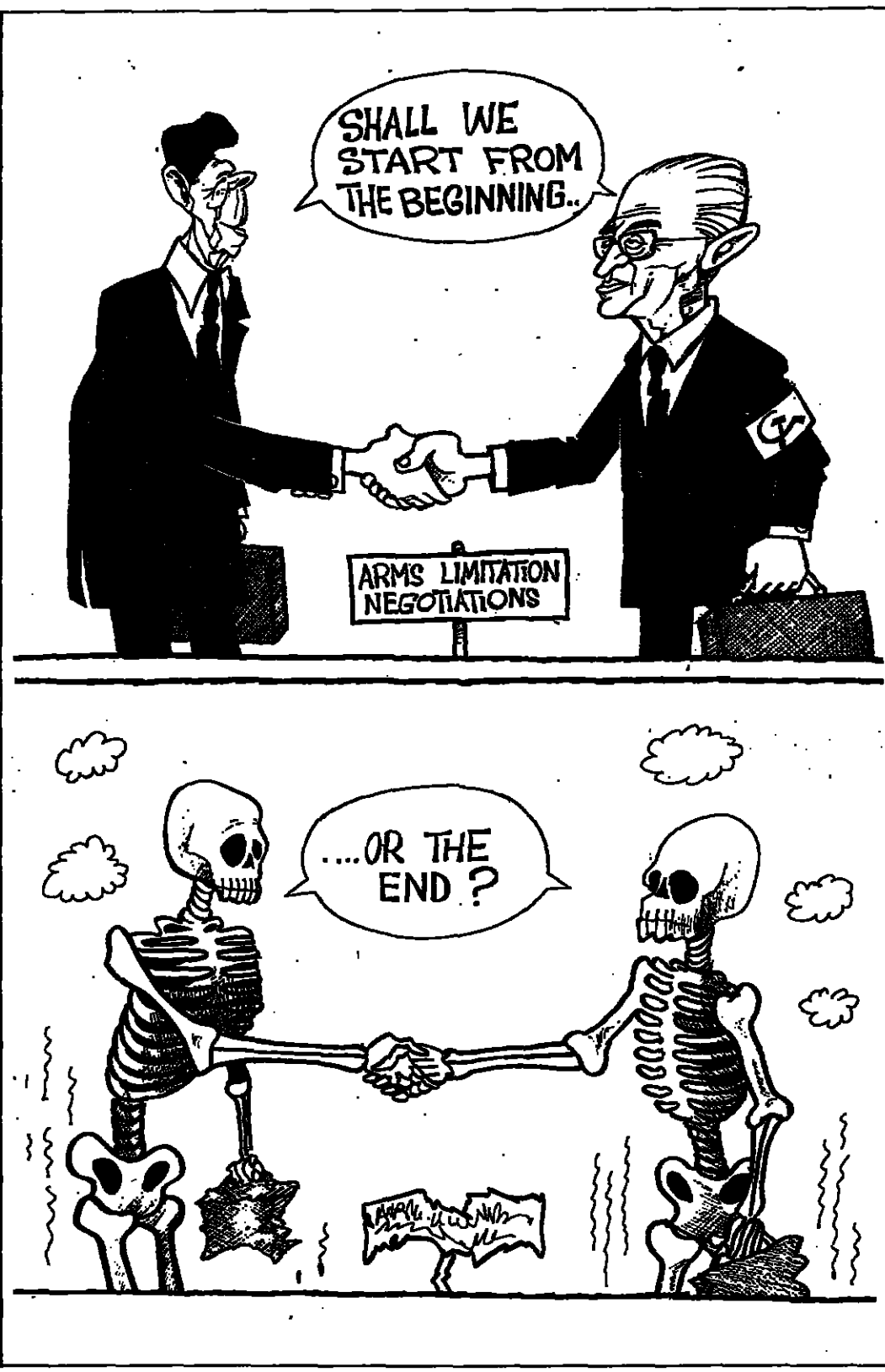
When the Lebanese strong-armed by U.S.A., refused a speedy normalisation, it is my

guess that Sharon's embarrassment and fear of the Kahane report compounded. Against such a background, when the Israelis find it difficult to tarnish the reputation of Palestinians, they are left with one option-old but often tried with success.

The option this time came from Bolivia. Choose an ex-Nazi from a God-forsaken Latin-American country, drum up a story that this bespectacled 69-year-old man is the villain he was 40 years ago. I am not defending the Nazi crimes, nobody would. But no-one should allow Sharon and Begin to hide their crimes in the dust of a crime committed 40 years ago.

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## Strategic arms negotiations

### Breakthrough hopes are rapidly fading

By Sidney Weiland  
Reuters

GENEVA — U.S. and Soviet negotiators are back at work bargaining on strategic arms, but earlier hopes of a breakthrough this year seem to be fading rapidly. The arms control spotlight has suddenly switched away from the strategic talks, focussing instead on separate U.S.-Soviet negotiations to limit European-based missiles.

Western officials say Moscow's chief goal for 1983 is to halt or reduce the planned deployment of U.S. medium-range missiles in Europe, and that the Kremlin will "sit tight" on long-range weapons until the European issue is resolved.

Both sets of weapons have awesome strike power, but the "Euromissiles", to be sited relatively close to the Soviet Union, are seen by Moscow as more immediately threatening. While Soviet negotiators in Geneva say virtually nothing in public about the backstage bargaining, other Communist diplomats agree that the spark has gone out of the seven-month-long strategic talks for the time being.

U.S. negotiator Edward Rowley only a few weeks ago rated the chances of a strategic agreement in 1983 as 50-50. Now he says he prefers not to gamble on a timetable. Western officials insist nothing has happened inside the negotiations to induce gloom or anxiety, with both sides apparently standing by the proposals they tabled last summer.

They say their caution is prompted only because the talks on intercontinental weapons reopened this week as public debate intensified over how to handle the European missiles. Unless agreement can be reached in the medium-range talks by late this year, NATO plans to start deploying the first of 572 U.S. Pershing-2 and Cruise missiles in Western Europe.

A U.S.-proposed "zero option" would ban all medium-range weapons from Europe. Moscow has offered a trade-off that would leave 162 of the SS-20 missiles it has already deployed in place to match existing British and French nuclear weapons.

President Reagan is under pressure from European allies to compromise in an interim solution, and Vice-President George Bush, in Europe this week, assured NATO governments the U.S. was ready to listen to any serious new Soviet proposals.

"With all this going on, there isn't much incentive for the Russians to move in the strategic field," a NATO diplomat said. The strategic talks, continuing a 14-year effort by the super powers to trim long-range arsenals, deal with ballistic missiles able to fly more than 5,500 kilometres away but are intended for shorter distances in Europe. The projected Pershings can fly 1,600 kilometres and the slower Cruises 2,400 kilometres.

#### Too early for merging

Because some weapons such as nuclear bombers and missiles aboard submarines in European waters are in grey areas between

the two categories, some Western experts have suggested the two negotiations may have to be merged to get real results.

But they say it is too early to think of merging. Soviet leader Yuri Andropov's offer to scale down SS-20 deployments in Europe to match British and French land-and sea-based missiles has been rejected by the West on grounds that the allied weapons are not involved in the negotiations and are strategic rather than medium-range. This is disputed by Moscow.

Both Britain and France have said they may be ready to negotiate if U.S. and Soviet strategic cuts are big enough to change the global nuclear equation significantly. Such a development could lead eventually to linkage between the strategic and medium-range talks, experts say.

A new issue has arisen with Soviet missiles withdrawn from Europe under a U.S.-Soviet deal might be switched to face Asia from the Soviet far east.

U.S. Secretary of State George Shultz on a visit to Tokyo last week told the Japanese their interests would be protected. Some Western officials believe the strategic negotiations, in which the U.S. is seeking a one-third cut in warheads and a limit of 850 missiles on each side, may stay blocked until Mr. Reagan and Mr. Andropov agree to meet for a first summit.

Mr. Reagan last week offered to meet the Soviet leader if he would sign a "zero option" treaty on European-based missiles, but he was quickly rebuffed by Mr. Andropov who said the president had set "patently unacceptable" preconditions.

#### Meeting possible

The Soviet leader said he favoured a summit in principle, and there is a growing feeling among diplomatic observers that a meeting may become possible later this year, especially if Mr. Reagan decides to run for reelection in 1984.

Apart from negotiations on numbers, there are other big hurdles to overcome in seeking a strategic agreement. The Soviet Union, in pressing for nuclear delivery systems on each side to be brought down to 1,800, wants to include about 500 U.S. heavy bombers in the counting.

The U.S., strongest in sea-based and airborne missiles, wants bombers to be left until a later stage. By asking for heavier cuts in land-based weapons, the U.S. is seeking to neutralise weapons which represent about two-thirds of Moscow's strategic warheads potential.

How to police an eventual agreement remains an overriding American concern, with no sign so far that the Kremlin is ready to yield on its long-time refusal to accept on-site inspection. If no progress can be made in the coming months, U.S. officials say, attention may shift to American plans for a side accord that would involve exchanges of data on missile tests and other exercises to help reduce the risk of accidental war.

## Swaziland is no battleground for other peoples' wars

By Rodney Pinder  
Reuters

MBABANE, Swaziland — South African pressure on Swaziland has prompted a crackdown on black refugees from the Pretoria government considers its foes.

A few months ago, a refugee leaving South Africa was able to breathe easy once he had climbed the two metre fence which marks the frontier. But today, the refugees are causing critical concern in Mbabane, capital of Swaziland, traditionally a political and racial crossroads, diplomatic sources say.

The lessons of South Africa's commando raid into neighbouring Lesotho in December are not lost on Swaziland, which, unlike Lesotho, has been used by guerrillas as a springboard for attacks on South Africa.

The commandos attacked alleged bases of the African National Congress (ANC) and killed 42 people. Lesotho denied the largest South African guerrilla group had any military set up there and said the dead were refugees or Lesotho nationals. Since then, however, the Swaziland government has pledged it will not allow itself to be used "as a battleground for other peoples' wars."

The ANC is banned in South Africa and any association with it can bring unwelcome attention from the police. Typically, a man distributing ANC literature in the seething Soweto township outside Johannesburg may hear the police are looking for him and will flee.

Hitching a ride in a truck, he will make for the Swaziland border. A sympathetic black driver may drop him 2 km short of the frontier and leave him to make his own way to the fence. Instantly he is over, the man is a refugee and an enemy of the republic by the fact of leaving it illegally. No black South African exile will speak to a strange white reporter visiting Swaziland—fear silences them, knowledgeable sources say.

Last month, two white men, who later identified themselves as South African reporters, were spotted taking pictures of a refugee centre near Mbabane and the inhabitants fled in terror of attack, returning only two days later.

#### Kingdom of mountains

Swaziland is the smallest nation in southern Africa, bigger than Kuwait but smaller than Massachusetts and about the same size as Wales. Its 500,000 people inhabit a kingdom of mountains tumbling into bush and plains,

gripped by South Africa on three sides and with its back against Mozambique.

Since independence from Britain in 1968, Swaziland has been forced to be circumspect in its foreign relations, staying friendly with both the Marxist black rulers in Maputo and the devoutly anti-Communist whites of Pretoria.

Swaziland is capitalist to the core and private business, mostly south African-controlled, dominates the economy. Income from a customs union with Pretoria accounts for about 80 per cent of the country's recurrent budget and is rising.

South Africans make up 90 per cent of tourists and is rising, of the rest being Mozambique residents buying goods they cannot find on empty shelves at home, diplomats say. But ANC infiltration routes from Mozambique to the Transvaal run through this South African playground. Behind the glitter of gambling rooms and pornographic movies — entertainment denied South Africans at home — is a murky world of war and intrigue.

The ANC began using Swaziland as a transit point about two or three years ago, according to diplomats who, like everyone discussing this sensitive topic, refused to be identified. South African agents, white and black,

infiltrated in return, mingling in bars, casinos and brothels specialising in sex across the colour line.

As ANC attacks inside South Africa increased, so did violence inside Swaziland, with unexplained bombings and shootings, invariably involving black South African exiles. The Swazi government began to take fright, political analysts said. "Its biggest fear is being sucked into a South African war," said one.

#### Grave consequences

Increasingly, alleged ANC men appeared in court on arms charges. Diplomats said there was about one case a month in 1982. And the high court in Mbabane issued a statement promising "the gravest consequences" for refugees and "freedom fighters in particular", found with firearms.

Workers on the ground, however, say it is difficult to know how strong the ANC connection is. Swazi police reacted to the Lesotho raid by taking 27 people into protective custody — the government denied they had been detained — and 10 left soon after for Mozambique.

"Swaziland depends on South Africa for survival. Its money and food come from there.

## LETTERS

### Whose Responsibility?

To the Editor:

Everyone who viewed the documentary shown on Jordan TV on the evening of Feb. 8 concerning the brutal massacre of Palestinian civilians at Sabra and Shatila last September must have felt total revulsion for the indescribable degeneracy of the armed men who performed the acts. Presentation of the programme was informative and useful, even though it suffers from the particular biases and hypocrisies of the Israeli context in which it was prepared.

Informed viewers quickly realised that the programme projected a deceptive image of an Israel which had never before been associated with such inhumane acts against Palestinians and that the events in south Beirut of last September were contrary to the moral nature of Israelis. No reference was even made to the earlier association of prominent Israeli officials with terrorism or violence against innocent civilians, although such information would have added understanding to the lack of concern they had about first reports of the slaughter — until forced to take note of the grisly events by international attention.

Does no-one remember that Menachem Begin was once leader of the Irgun, which held that any means necessary was justified by the goal of fulfilling its national aspirations? It seems forgotten that his organisation blew up a wing of the King David Hotel in 1946, killing some hundred British, Arab and Jewish employees of the Government of Palestine, or that in April, 1948, his organisation massacred nearly a hundred Arab civilians in order to seize their village of Deir Yasin just outside Jerusalem, according to Begin in order to set up a landing field there.

Has it been overlooked that present Foreign Minister Yitzhak Shamir was a leader of the murderous Stern Gang, notorious for shooting the U.N. mediator dead in 1948 because his recommendations did not suit Zionist policy? Does no-one remember that the Israeli Defence Forces repeatedly, between 1953 and 1967, crossed the Armistice Demarcation Lines to terrorise and kill civilians? An officer in the first major raid of that sort, against the Palestinian village of Qibya in October 1953, was none other than Ariel Sharon, who is now expected to feel remorse about Sabra and Shatila. Sharon and his men slaughtered more than 50 civilians at Qibya. Almost every high officer in the Israeli Defence

Forces at one time or another took part in such violence against civilians.

The TV programme under review conforms to the myth newly created that Israel was always fair and humane until the questionable decision to invade Lebanon in 1982. The has been a chance, but it is not that Israel has been led into evil ways by the Begin government. Israeli treatment of Palestinians and any other Arab civilians who get in its way has always been callous and inhumane. What has changed is that the real face of the Zionist state is being given wide exposure to public view and that Israelis are being forced to respond.

The programme's commentator at least twice tried to add "other Arab states" to the list of those he thought shared responsibility for the Beirut massacres. He asserted that their guilt lay in failing "to take the Palestinians in," implying that the normal or acceptable final solution for Palestinians would have been their forced dispersal to Arab countries at a distance from Israel without regard to the economic, social and political obstacles. One must ask what more reasonable place there is for Palestinians "to be taken" than their own homeland, now under Israeli occupation.

It should be unnecessary to state again the basic issues, but Israeli obfuscation demands a recollection of the obvious. The existence of a problem of displaced Palestinians is the historical responsibility of Israel and those who have protected its policy of discrimination against non-Jews. Palestine Arabs are in Lebanon because Israel has not permitted them to live in their own country. It has seized their houses and land to give to Jewish immigrants it brings into the territory it controls; in its fanatical political game, Israel uses Jews from abroad as pawns. Israeli threats over the years against Lebanon and its arming of extremist groups in that country have contributed decisively to destabilisation and chaos. Past and present Israeli governments, with the applause and support of Zionist organisations abroad, have set the state and provided the means for such massacres as those at Sabra and Shatila. If the world trusts a largely fictitious collective Israeli conscience to prevent repeat performances, it will happen again and again.

Ray L. Cleveland,  
Amman







## SPORTS

## Australia enjoys 6-wicket victory over N. Zealand

SYDNEY (R) — Australia enjoyed a comfortable six-wicket victory over New Zealand in the first of the triangular World Series cricket cup one-day matches against New Zealand here Wednesday in a match shortened by rain.

New Zealand, who were without star all-rounder Richard Hadlee who failed a fitness test on his injured hamstring, made a shaky start after electing to bat in the day-night match at the Sydney cricket ground, losing four wickets for only 81 runs against the powerful four-pronged Australian pace attack.

Opener Bruce Edgar was comprehensively bowled by Jeff Thomson for 12, leading batsman Glenn Turner was trapped lbw by Dennis Lillee for four and captain Geoff Howarth caught by wicketkeeper Rodney Marsh off Greg Chappell for nine.

When Edgar's opening partner John Wright succumbed to Geoff Lawson for only 36 New Zealand were in trouble before John Morrison (35) and Jeremy Coney (58 not out) pulled in the innings round with an 85-run partnership.

Australia failed by one over to bowl their 50 overs in the time allotted and New Zealand finished with the respectable total of 193. Lawson returned the best figures for Australia with two for 28 off his 10 overs while Dennis Lillee captured two for 35 off his 10.

New Zealand medium pacer Lance Cairns struck an early blow for his side when he bowled opener Steve Smith with the score at 14 before the rain started.

Australia's target was set at 150 off 38 overs and captain Kim Hughes quickly set them on course for victory.

Hughes, under heavy fire for his string of poor scores in the one-day series, played some fluent strokes as he raced to 63 off 74 deliveries including seven fours before he fell to a catch by Coney off medium pacer Ewen Chatfield.

By that stage Australia had the match won, and were steered to victory by David Hookes, 20 not out, and Greg Chappell who hit an unbeaten 21.

## Tough time lies ahead of W.Indian rebels in 3rd 1-day cricket match

PRETORIA (R) — The rebel West Indian cricketers lost two early wickets when set the task of scoring 180 to win in the third one-day cricket match against a South African XI here Wednesday.

At tea, the tourists were 28 for two from 13 overs after South Africa scored 179 for nine in their 50 overs.

Left-arm fast bowler Stephen Jefferies jolted the West Indians with two wickets in successive balls in his fifth over with the score on 21. He had Alvin Greenidge caught at leg slip for 15 and the next ball was edged by Alvin Kalicharman to second slip.

Earlier the South Africans, who won the first two one-day matches, found runs difficult to get on a wicket giving assistance to the West Indian pace attack.

Opener Barry Richards started brightly, cracking three fours. But after he lofted a hook to Sylvester Clarke at fine leg and was out for 13, the run rate fell—and so did more wickets.

Captain Peter Kirsten, who had won the toss for the third time in the six-match series, was caught for three and Jimmy Cook, who played and missed at many deliveries, was finally bowled by Ezra Moseley for a laborious 10 runs compiled in 86 minutes.

When Kevin McKenzie, replacing Graeme Pollock who withdrew because of a pulled hamstring, was bowled by Franklin Stephenson for five, South Africa were on a precarious 58 for four and almost half the 50 overs bowled.

Ken McEwan and Alan Kourie, with a stand of 41, staged a minor recovery, but in the first over after lunch McEwan took a wild swing at Collis King and was bowled for 38.

Ray Jennings swung lustily, taking 28 runs off the 35 balls he faced with two fours and two sixes, before edging a ball from Moseley to Derek Murray.

## Argentina selects Davis Cup team

BUENOS AIRES (R) — The Argentine Tennis Association Tuesday named Guillermo Vilas, Jose Luis Clerc, Alejandro Ganzabal and Gustavo Tiberi as Argentina's players to face the United States in the first round of this year's Davis Cup tournament.

The tie will be played in Buenos Aires on March 4-6.

The United States, who beat France in last year's final, defeated Argentina in the 1981 final.

## Connors nets easy victory over Gerulaitis in \$250,000 tennis match

TORONTO (R) — Jimmy Connors scored an easy 6-0, 6-1 victory over fellow American Vitas Gerulaitis in a \$250,000 men's tennis tournament Tuesday night.

Gene Mayer, a last-minute replacement for Sweden's Bjorn Borg in the Round-Robin tournament, beat fellow-American Brian Gottfried 6-2, 6-0 in the opening match.

In the other group B preliminary match, Peter McNamara of Australia beat Mats Wilander of Sweden 6-1, 3-6, 6-3.

Group A matches are to begin Wednesday night, with the top two players of each group going to the semi-finals on Saturday.

Borg's withdrawal because of a hand infection was the second by a top name player. Defending champion Ivan Lendl of Czechoslovakia dropped out with a strained right shoulder.

Gerulaitis, ranked fifth in the world, failed to hold serve against Connors, last year's Wimbledon and U.S. Open champion.

After double-faulting three times in the final game of the first set including a set point—Gerulaitis took the first game of the second set. He blew a 40-love advantage in the second game.

Connors then reeled off six straight games to take the match.

"He was way off his game," said Connors. "It happens once in a while that you're just completely lost out there. I hit the ball alright and kept catching him off-guard. He never was able to find his rhythm."

Gerulaitis said he was not worrying about the possibility of a federal indictment on charges of conspiring to distribute \$20,000 worth of cocaine in New York.

Gerulaitis said he was innocent when he talked to reporters last week.

## Fromm beats Kriek in 1st round \$300,000 WCT tournament

RICHMOND, Virginia (R) — Unseeded Eric Fromm eliminated fifth-seeded Johan Kriek 6-4, 7-6, Tuesday night in the first round of a \$300,000 WCT tennis tournament here.

Fromm, of the U.S., had lost in the first round of six straight previous tournaments. Kriek, a native South African, is a naturalised American.

It was the second major upset in two nights. Monday night unseeded American Mike Bauer eliminated third-seeded Wojtek Fibak of Poland.

Fromm played a steady game, avoiding errors. He almost cost himself the upset when he double-faulted twice when he was serving at 5-4 in the second set. He lost his serve and the two fought their way to the tiebreaker, where Fromm prevailed.

In other matches, fourth-seeded Kevin Curren of South Africa stopped Peter Elter of West Germany, 6-4, 6-2. Sixth-seeded Steve Denton beat fellow American Terry Moor 7-6, 6-4, and Brian Teacher, the eighth

seed, beat Van Winitsky, 6-3, 6-1 in another match between Americans.

Eliot Teltscher (U.S.) defeated Nduka Odior of Nigeria 6-3, 6-4. And in other matches between Americans, Bill Scanlon scored a three-set victory over Fritz Buehning 1-6, 6-3, 6-2, and Roscoe Tanner outlasted Bruce Manson 6-2, 3-6, 7-5.

Top-seeded John McEnroe plays his opening match Wednesday night. The winner's check for the tournament is \$100,000.

## Lotus dedicates new Formula One car to Colin Chapman

LONDON (R) — Lotus unveiled their new Formula One car Tuesday — and the world championship challenger will carry the personal monogram of its creator, the late Colin Chapman, on its nosecone.

The latest Lotus, powered by a Renault turbocharged engine, was masterminded by Chapman before his sudden death in December.

And the team have paid tribute to the master engineer and innovator by signwriting Chapman's initials on to the front of the car.

Team manager Peter Warr said: "We are going to miss his leadership and the quality of his engineering talent. But the people who work for Lotus were trained by him to think the way he thought, and to approach the problems the way he approached them."

"I want us to win the championship and say: 'Colin — that's one for you'."

In spite of the loss of Chapman and the fact that Lotus have only one Grand Prix triumph to their credit in the last four years — Italian Elio de Angelis won in Austria last year — Warr firmly believes that a change in fortune is imminent.

"We have the best available turbo engine, we have no power disadvantage and we have the best racing rubber on the road. There is no reason why we should not do very well," said Warr.

Gerard Larousse, in charge of Formula One rivals Renault who have supplied engines for the British team, believes the Lotus 93T will provide a healthy challenge.

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## American grid-iron football catches British attention

MIAMI (R) — The Washington Redskins and the Miami Dolphins showed interest Tuesday in a proposal for an exhibition replay of the super bowl match the Redskins won last month to become American grid-iron football's 1982 champions.

Both teams said they had not been formally approached and the proposal to play in July was a problem.

The National Football League (NFL), which runs professional grid-iron football in the U.S. and has been trying to promote the sport abroad, signalled its blessing but said August would be a better time. The Dolphins suggested Aug. 20 or 21.

England's Tottenham Hotspur soccer club said Tuesday they hoped to get the Redskins and Dolphins together at London's Wembley stadium in July in a replay of the Jan. 30 super bowl the Redskins won 27-17. Spurs said they would co-promote the game with film producer John Marshall.

American football has captured a wide following in Britain in recent months as a result of weekly television coverage. A live transmission of the super bowl was watched by more than four million viewers in Britain into the early morning hours.

Dolphins public relations director Dick Horning said Miami and Washington already had a pre-season game scheduled for the weekend of Aug. 20-21 to be played in either city.

"It would be acceptable to the Dolphins to change the venue to London," he said. "In the past we've flown as far as Seattle for a pre-season game. That's about 3,000 miles. Transportation costs to London wouldn't be all that higher."

Redskins spokesman Charley Taylor, one of the team's star players until he retired a few years ago, said: "I assume we would be interested in playing in London. The league has through the years played elsewhere in the world."

Playing in July, however, "may produce scheduling problems since that is training camp time and the pre-season schedule starts in the first week of August."

Horning said playing in July would mean an extra game before and in addition to the regular 1983 pre-season schedule and would need special permission from the NFL.

NFL spokesman Pete Abitante, who noted that NFL teams had played abroad before in Japan and Mexico, said a July game would be difficult because teams might not be in training camp and there could be contract problems with players.

Horning said: "Obviously we would have to go into the financial package carefully, but we understand Wembley stadium has about 100,000 seats and we are familiar with Mr. Marshall."

Marshall has played a major role in putting American football on British television, including the live coverage of the super bowl.

Horning said the Dolphins' management had been impressed by the figure of four million viewers attracted by the super bowl coverage in Britain — "especially since the game ran from 11.30 p.m. till about three in the morning London time."

Sheene also allayed fears that he would not be able to push-start his bike. "That was my biggest worry when I was recovering in hospital. I always knew I would race again provided I could push-start the bike all right."

"I have bags of strength and no stamina problems. I feel really good," he said.

Sheene added: "I do not think my recovery is all that remarkable—anyone could do it, it is all in the mind."

"My legs are not as strong as they were but they will be in two or three months time."

## McEnroe's misbehaviour reports shock ITF chief

LONDON (R) — The International Tennis Federation (ITF) president Philippe Chatrier of France, said Tuesday he was "flabbergasted" to hear reports of misbehaviour by American John McEnroe in the U.S. professional indoor tennis final in Philadelphia on Sunday.

Chatrier told a group of British lawn tennis writers he would look into reports of McEnroe's alleged misbehaviour during his win in the final over Ivan Lendl of Czechoslovakia.

Several of the writers who had watched the match gave instances of breaches of the players' code of conduct by McEnroe which went unpunished by tournament officials or the Grand Prix supervisor at the match.

"I am flabbergasted. I shall be talking to the administrators about it Wednesday," Chatrier said.

He admitted that tournament organisers would not want McEnroe disqualified from their event, but denied the supervisors felt that way or that two sets of regulations existed, one for McEnroe and another for the rest.

"There are not two sets of rules. We rejected that for Borg before and we reject that for McEnroe now," he said.

"The general behaviour on the circuit has improved tremendously because the supervisors are under instructions to be strong and tough," he said.

But Chatrier conceded that the players are becoming bigger than the game. "Apart from three tournaments in the world, the stars are bigger than the sport, and without top personalities and stars the game could be a little boring. But one of our aims is to control this."

Chatrier said he did not feel anything could have been done to prevent Borg from announcing recently he would retire from the game. "I cannot have a guilty conscience about it. My personal feeling is that something broke in Borg's mind when he lost to McEnroe in the U.S. Open final for the second time in 1981."

"Now he knows he cannot win the major events without training and he hates the sight of a training court."

Chatrier also spoke briefly about the suit filed by World Championship Tennis (WCT) against the Grand Prix for conspiring to monopolise the sport. "Unfortunately it will cost a lot of money, even just the lawyers fees. But now we will see what it will cost and find out just what we can do," he said.

Boxers to take 45 days rest in Japan

TOKYO (R) — Boxers knocked out in Japan will have to rest for at least 45 days before fighting there again, the Japan Boxing Commission said Tuesday.

The new safety measures, which take effect on March 1, also provide for brain scanning if necessary, the commission said.

They have been introduced after attempts last December by the World Boxing Council (WBC) to make boxing safer, including the shortening of world title bouts from 15 rounds to 12.

Best is in high demand

LONDON (R) — George Best, Northern Irish former European footballer of the year, is wanted by an English regional league side for a match against the touring Maltese national team later this season.

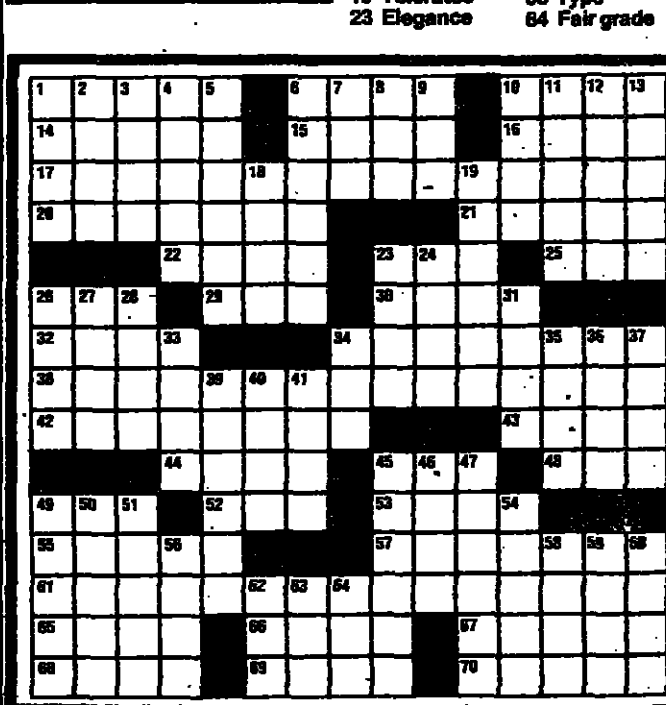
Waterlooville of the English southern league are prepared to offer a fee of £1,500 (\$2,400) for the former Manchester United star who is now 36. They would also like the mercurial winger to play for them on a regular basis.

## THE Daily Crossword by John Greenman

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The seminar is designed to assist all U.S. taxpayers living in this area and will consist of a discussion of U.S. tax law, foreign exemptions, foreign issues and tax forms of interest. Questions will be welcome.

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## ECONOMY

## Hitachi pleads guilty to stealing secrets

SAN FRANCISCO (R) — The giant Japanese Hitachi Corporation pleaded guilty Tuesday to conspiring to transport stolen secrets from the American IBM computer company and agreed to pay a \$10,000 fine.

Under an arrangement worked out with U.S. prosecutors, two Hitachi employees also pleaded guilty in the case and were fined respectively \$10,000 and \$4,000.

The guilty pleas came eight months after Hitachi Ltd., another Japanese company, Mitsubishi, and 18 people were accused by U.S. authorities of being involved in a conspiracy to obtain secret information on computers being developed by International Business Machines (IBM).

The Hitachi case was to have come to trial on April 4. Mitsubishi is due to stand trial in San Francisco on July 19.

The Federal Bureau of Investigation (FBI) set up an elaborate "sting" operation in which police play the part of criminals — in its investigation into the alleged conspiracy.

Affidavits filed by FBI special agent Kenneth Thompson with the U.S. district court in Santa Clara, California, last June alleged that representatives of Hitachi and Mitsubishi had gone to the offices of an FBI undercover company, Glenmar Associates, in search of IBM secrets.

The FBI also alleged that Hitachi representatives paid for information about IBM products or samples.

Hitachi said in Tokyo at the time it had paid \$546,000 for information, but that it was unaware the information was stolen.

Appearing before the U.S. district court in San Francisco Tuesday, the lawyer for Hitachi, Mr. Peter Fleming, denied that the senior management of Hitachi, which has a consolidated annual revenue of more than \$15 billion, knew of any scheme to transport stolen computer secrets to Japan.

The fine of \$10,000 is the maximum that can be levied for a charge of conspiring to transport stolen goods, U.S. authorities said. Under the arrangement worked out with U.S. authorities no further criminal charges will be filed against the company.

A senior engineer with the Kanagawa Works of Hitachi, Mr. Kenji Hayashi, 40, was also fined \$10,000. Under an agreement reached with his lawyer, Mr. Hayashi also agreed to five years of unsupervised probation.

Mr. Hayashi, who was in court, also agreed with through an interpreter not to do business for Hitachi in the United States during the five years.

A senior programmer for Hitachi in Japan, Mr. Isao Ohnishi, also pleaded guilty through an interpreter and was fined \$4,000 and placed on unsupervised probation for two years.

Two other Hitachi employees, Mr. Kunitasaba Inoue and Mr. Keizo Shirai, were said by Mr. Fleming to have agreed to have their cases resolved without guilty pleas on Feb. 28.

## EEC to help rebuild Beirut

BRUSSELS (R) — The European Community announced plans Wednesday to help rebuild Beirut's drinking water system which was damaged during the Israeli siege last year.

The Community's executive commission said it proposed granting \$20 million for the work.

The Lebanese government is making a \$15 million payment. "An advantage of the scheme is that it would be to the benefit of all, regardless of religious belief," it said in a statement.

Commission officials said the proposal was likely to be approved by Common Market governments in the very near future. The governments decided in December to provide funds for the reconstruction of Lebanon.

Since the Israeli invasion last June, the Community has provided Lebanon with food aid and emergency medical supplies worth almost \$19 million.

## NEWS IN BRIEF

## USSR to better Aeroflot's services

MOSCOW (R) — Soviet Civil Aviation Minister Boris Bugayev announced Wednesday that measures were being taken to improve the state-run airline Aeroflot and make it more economical. Writing in the Communist Party daily Pravda, Marshal Bugayev said there were shortcomings in Aeroflot's freight and passenger services which gave rise to justified criticism.

## W. German bankruptcies soar

WIESBADEN, W. Germany (R) — West German corporate bankruptcies soared to a post-war record of 11,916 last year, 40 per cent above the 1981 level, the federal statistics office said Wednesday. The December total was 1,257, the highest monthly figure in the history of the federal republic. The previous record was 1,099 last November.

## Iraq buys 50,000 Passat cars

SAO PAULO (R) — Volkswagen do Brasil S.A., subsidiary of the West German auto giant, has negotiated a \$300 million deal to sell 50,000 Passat saloon cars to Iraq, a company spokesman said Tuesday. Volkswagen do Brasil last week announced a \$30 million deal to supply 4,000 "Camper" vans to Algeria.

## California faces cashflow problem

SACRAMENTO, California (R) — California, once the most prosperous U.S. state, is so short of money that by later this month it may not be able to pay its employees or give taxpayers the refunds they are owed, according to state leaders. State Controller Ken Cory, who supervises California's finances, said Tuesday night there was an 80 to 90 per cent chance that the state would run out of money by Feb. 23.

## Magistrates arrest clergymen

ROME (R) — Magistrates investigating alleged tax corruption have arrested two Roman Catholic clergymen and withdrawn the passports of three others, official sources said Tuesday. The arrest opens a new chapter in a long-running scandal of petrol tax evasion for which 16 people have already been jailed.

## U.S. car market rebuilds slowly

DETROIT (R) — Despite three months of rising U.S. car sales, the industry's recovery from recession is slow and there is little sign of a return to work by large numbers of the 265,000 laid-off autoworkers, business analysts said Tuesday. Several car industry managers said a decision by General Motors to recall 21,000 laid-off workers soon was more an attempt to rebuild consumer confidence than an indication that sharp recovery was near.

## World interest rates may drop

LONDON (R) — A drop in world interest rates may be on the way, Sir Gordon Richardson, governor of the Bank of England, said Tuesday. "It would be wrong not to hope that we will in fact achieve a lower level of rates, given the progress being made generally in reducing inflation," Sir Gordon said.

## Japan to consider aid to Egypt

CAIRO (R) — Japanese foreign ministry adviser Mr. Masao Sawaki met President Hosni Mubarak Tuesday and said later that Japan would consider additional economic aid for Egypt. He gave no figures, but Japanese officials accompanying him said Egypt had received a total of \$1.04 billion in soft loans since 1975. The officials said Egypt had received an additional \$700 million in grants and aid during the same period.

## Brandt Commission calls for urgent action to aid poor nations

LONDON (R) — Warning of possible anarchy and a slide from recession into repression, an international expert commission called Wednesday for urgent action to aid poor nations and so help revive the world economy.

The group, led by former West German chancellor Mr. Willy Brandt, called for reforms to the international economic and monetary system and emergency action to help debt-burdened countries in Asia, Africa and Latin America.

Especially urgent, it said in a new report, was a big increase in resources of the International Monetary Fund (IMF) and the World Bank to benefit developing countries.

Echoing its influential first report, issued in 1980, the Brandt Commission stressed the interdependence between industrial nations of the North and the developing South.

"It is increasingly obvious that

we are all in the same boat, that the North cannot contemplate with unconcern the fact that South's end of the boat is sinking," the new report said. "The North's end of the boat is already none too buoyant either."

It also proposed creation of a Third World secretariat, urged the United States to act as "an enlightened leader of the world community" and said the Soviet Union and Eastern Europe should be more active in North-South issues.

The report accused industrial countries, striving to curb inflation, of "excessive concentration on monetary control, often accompanied by perverse fiscal policies."

It said the plight of developing countries, burdened by crushing debt and low commodity prices, was desperate.

They were part of a wider "spiral of contraction which, without remedial action, could drag the

countries in the world economy from recession to trade sanctions, withdrawals of credit, competitive devaluations and mutually imposed loss of output....

"Such a contraction is the start of the descent from recession to depression, which shows little sign of being halted," it said.

Mr. Brandt warned that further economic decline "is likely to cause the disintegration of societies and create conditions of anarchy in many parts of the world."

The 18-member commission proposed remedies covering finance, trade, food, energy and the North-South negotiating process.

It said IMF resources should be boosted by a doubling of lending quotas and a new allocation of reserve assets called Special Drawing Rights (SDR's) to benefit

developing countries.

Among other urgent steps, the Brandt Commission said the IMF, regarded by many countries "with mistrust, even hostility," should make it easier for the poorest countries to borrow.

The World Bank's resources should be increased and more funds provided for its soft-loan arm, the International Development Association, it said.

The commission said aid to the poorest countries should be doubled by 1985.

In the long term, the IMF and World Bank should be reformed "in the direction of greater power-sharing," the report said.

Mr. Brandt called especially for an end to the arms race, on which \$650 billion was spent world-wide in 1982, as a condition for world economic recovery.

## LONDON STOCK MARKET

LONDON (R) — Equities closed quietly firmer in featureless trading, dealers said. The F.T. index at 1500 Wednesday was up 4.2 to a record 653.6.

Ultramar was down 10p at 488 after touching 468 following news of the £104.6 million one for four rights issue. In other oils, Burmah gained 6p at 131 and Shell was up 6p at 424.

Gold shares were as much as \$5 lower in line with bullion after record highs Tuesday on further consideration of the abolition of the South African dual exchange rate, dealers said.

Imperial Group was off 2p at 128 ahead of Thursday's figures. North American shares were lower.

Government bonds were quietly firmer with gains of as much as ¼ point on the easier money rates, steadier sterling and better than expected central government borrowing requirement figures, dealers said.

Banks closed firmer with gains stretching to 4p, as in Barclays at 440. Among the leaders Becton rose 5p to 368, GEC gained 6p at 206 and GKN advanced 8p to 148.

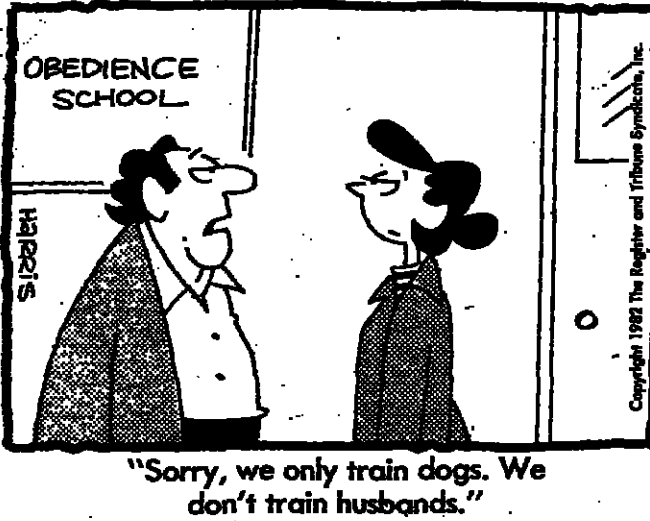
Burton was up 9p at 303 on Tuesday's agreed purchase of retail outlets from UDS, which fell 3p to 102. Grattan shed 2p at 82 on news it will discuss with Empire Stores the possibility of combining the two firms. Empire was unchanged at 82p.

## LONDON EXCHANGE RATES

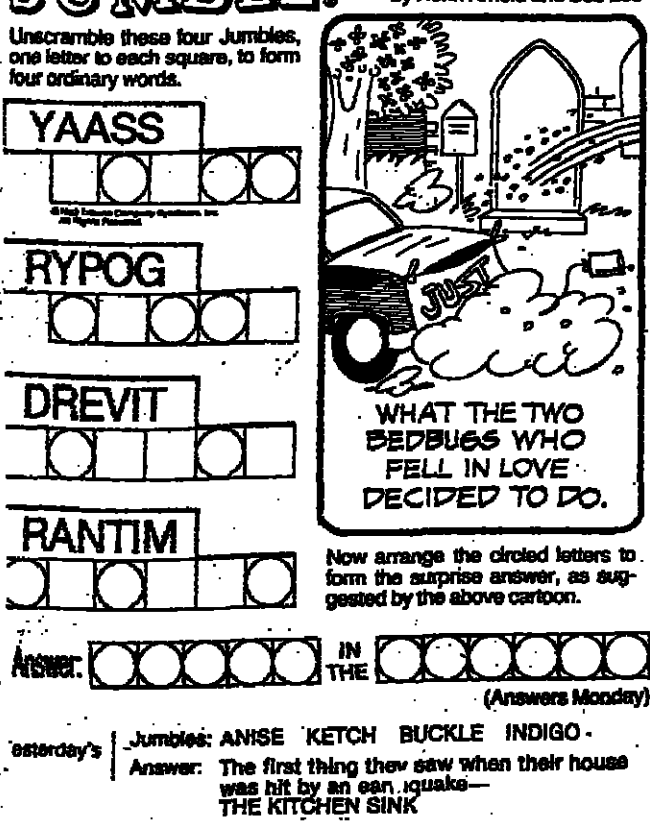
LONDON (R) — Following are the buying and selling rates for leading world currencies and gold against the dollar at midday on the London foreign exchange and bullion markets Wednesday.

One sterling	1.5415/25	U.S. dollars
One U.S. dollar	1.2250/53	Canadian dollars
	2.4237/47	West German marks
	2.6745/55	Dutch guilders
	2.0070/90	Swiss francs
	47.65/70	Belgian francs
	6.8700/50	French francs
	1395.00/1396.00	Italian lire
	236.40/60	Japanese yen
	7.4060/90	Swedish crowns
	7.0770/0800	Norwegian crowns
	8.5435/60	Danish crowns
One ounce of gold	491.25/492.25	U.S. dollars

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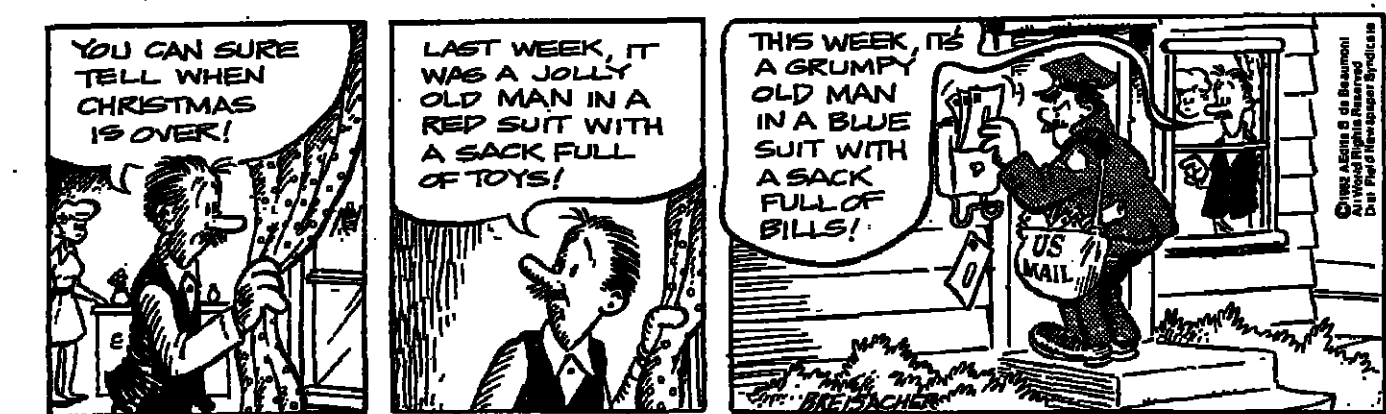
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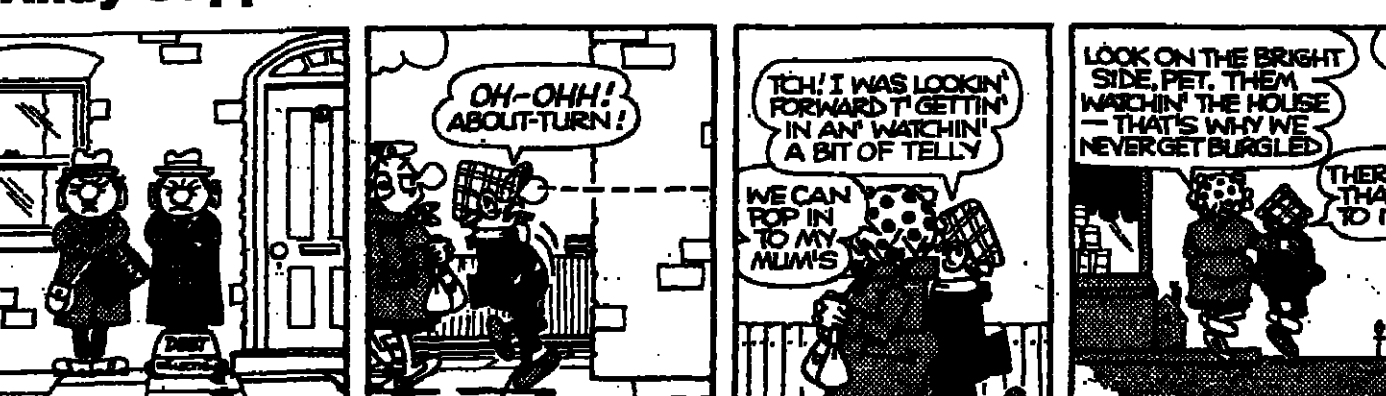
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## YOUR DAILY Horoscope

from the Carroll Righter Institute

FORECAST FOR THURSDAY, FEB. 10, 1983

GENERAL TENDENCIES: The early part of the day is ideal to organize your thoughts and make plans for the future. A time to avoid confrontations since a series of fixed adversities could follow.

ARIES (Mar. 21 to Apr. 19) Attend to important duties early in the day so you'll have more time for social activities later. Be more optimistic.

TAURUS (Apr. 20 to May 20) The time is not right for taking on new responsibilities. Sidestep one who is detrimental to your progress.

GEMINI (May 21 to June 21) Take steps to patch up any differences with an associate. Study your financial position and make plans to improve it.

MOON CHILDREN (June 22 to July 21) Contact a wise and older friend for advice you need. You can make an excellent impression on higher-ups now.

LEO (July 22 to Aug. 21) Important business matter is best handled early in the day. Analyze your activities and be sure you are as practical as you should be.

VIRGO (Aug. 22 to Sept. 22) Begin the day wisely by keeping any promises you have made. Go to the right sources for the information you need.

LIBRA (Sept. 23 to Oct. 22) Try to economize more so you won't be caught in a financial pinch in the future. Steer clear of a group meeting today.

SCORPIO (Oct. 23 to Nov. 21) An associate can help you solve a difficult problem in the morning. Show increased devotion to loved one.

SAGITTARIUS (Nov. 22 to Dec. 21) Positive thinking will help you gain your aims at this time. You can make a fine impression on others now.

CAPRICORN (Dec. 22 to Jan. 20) Put those creative ideas to work now and get excellent results. Avoid one who has an eye on your assets.

AQUARIUS (Jan. 21 to Feb. 19) Find out what family members desire of you and then do your best to please them. Show others you have wisdom.

PISCES (Feb. 20 to Mar. 20) Listen to ideas of a long-time friend and follow through for good benefits. Make as many new contacts as you can.

IF YOUR CHILD IS BORN TODAY... he or she will be one who can become a great success in life because of the ability to understand the needs of others. One with a retentive mind, so be sure to give the best education you can afford. Don't neglect ethical training.

"The Stars impel, they do not compel." What you make of your life is largely up to you!

FORECAST FOR FRIDAY, FEB. 11, 1983

GENERAL TENDENCIES: A day and evening to do something thoughtful for loved ones. Also, a good time to make plans that could give your more abundance in the future. Take positive steps to gain your aims.

ARIES (Mar. 21 to Apr. 19) Being with friends and improving the association is fine today. Take pains to handle routine tasks in an efficient manner.

TAURUS (Apr. 20 to May 20) Show appreciation to those who have power over our affairs and gain further goodwill. Use modern methods to improve your work.

GEMINI (May 21 to June 21) See what you can do about enlarging your vision so that you can advance in your line of endeavor. Be wise.

MOON CHILDREN (June 22 to July 21) Take no risks with your health at this time. Handle responsibilities more efficiently and they become easier.

LEO (July 22 to Aug. 21) Support those associates who need your assistance at this time. Listen to complaints of family members and give help where needed.

VIRGO (Aug. 22 to Sept. 22) You have to be more enthused if you are to get all that work done that is important to you. Strive for increased happiness.

LIBRA (Sept. 23 to Oct. 22) Take time to put your business and financial affairs in better order. Be sure to keep promises you have made to others.

SCORPIO (Oct. 23 to Nov. 21) Be more considerate of the needs of family members and establish more harmony at home. Avoid one who gossips too much.

SAGITTARIUS (Nov. 22 to Dec. 21) Discuss your views with associates and improve regular routines. Plan how to gain your most cherished aims.

CAPRICORN (Dec. 22 to Jan. 20) Study your financial position and then confer with experts in order to improve it. Take no risks in motion at this time.

AQUARIUS (Jan. 21 to Feb. 19) Use tact with others and they soon will give you the favors you desire. The evening is fine for social pleasures.

PISCES (Feb. 20 to Mar. 20) You are able to communicate well with associates and can advance in career matters. Sidestep a troublemaker.

IF YOUR CHILD IS BORN TODAY... he or she will be one who will quickly adopt to new methods and systems, so send to the finest modern schools you can afford for best results in lifetime. There's a fine balance of mind and athletic activity in this chart.

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## WORLD

## 'Lebanon suffered most in 1982'

WASHINGTON (R) — The massacre of hundreds of Palestinians in Beirut gave Lebanon one of the world's worst human rights records last year, according to the Reagan administration.

In its annual report on human rights, issued Tuesday, a chapter on Israel noted eyewitness reports that Israeli troops allowed Lebanese militia into the two refugee camps where the killings took place in September.

Assistant Secretary of State Elliott Abrams said in a briefing on the report that "great violence (and) thousands of deaths" accompanied Israel's June invasion of Lebanon on the list of nations where human rights suffered most in 1982 — along with the Soviet Union, Czechoslovakia, and Iran.

But Mr. Abrams would not comment on Tuesday's finding by a judicial commission that the Israeli authorities had been seriously remiss in allowing the Lebanese into the camps.

The 1,323-page report to Congress said human rights under

right-wing authoritarian governments generally improved in 1982 but harsh conditions persisted in Communist states.

The report said Iran's revolutionary government persisted with torture and summary executions and, in its war with Iraq, sacrificed children as young as nine years old in human wave attacks and in clearing minefields.

**Survivors dismiss report**

BEIRUT (R) — Survivors of the Beirut massacre of hundreds of Palestinians dismissed the findings of an Israeli inquiry into the killings as a farce which would never compensate them for the death of family and friends.

In interviews conducted among the rubble and mud of the Sabra and Shatila refugee camps where the killings occurred, some said Israeli Defence Minister Ariel Sharon should be executed for Israel's role in the massacre.

Israeli intelligence officers have estimated that between 700 and 800 civilians died last September

after Israel allowed right-wing Lebanese Christian militiamen into the camps.

This followed Israel's invasion of Lebanon and advance to Beirut, which forced the evacuation of Palestinian guerrillas from the city.

"Even if the whole Israeli government resigned, it wouldn't bring back my family," said Milhem Al-Bourji, a 54-year-old worker who said he lost three relatives including his only son in one night of terror. "It's all a farce."

A potato-seller on Sabra's rutted and filth-strewn main street declared: "All the animals who slaughtered our women and children should be killed, with Sharon at their head."

But several people seemed indifferent to the commission's report, saying it was purely an Israeli internal matter.

Some said they had not heard any news of it, despite the fact that it was a major item on local radio bulletins.

A sandwich seller, pressed for a

response, shrugged and said: "The fact is that there should never have been such criminals in the Israeli government, but it's too late now."

The camps, which merge into Lebanese slums, are teeming with life, but have been largely ignored by Beirut's major clean-up operation following last summer's fighting.

The two-storey houses, which residents say were bulldozed by the killers, still stand half-ruined. The main street, smelling of sewage, is so rutted that cars can barely pass. Women with plastic jerry-cans queue for water at a tap in the middle of a main road.

In Lebanon, which has a history of sectarian massacres, the subject of who did the killing is still taboo in political conversation.

The camp-dwellers say they still feel insecure and ignored despite the presence in Sabra and Shatila of French and Italian troops, who came here with U.S. Marines in the wake of the massacres to protect Beirut's civilian population.

## Iraqi general describes 'decisive battle of war'

IRAQI FOURTH ARMY CORPS HEADQUARTERS (R) — Iran hurled an armoured division and massed infantry against Iraqi defenders in a new and bloody battle of their 29-month Gulf War Wednesday, the Iraqi battlefield commander said.

Lt.-Gen. Hisham Sabah Al-Fakhri told reporters his Fourth Corps broke two attacks Tuesday as Iranian forces apparently tried to advance into southeast Iraq in a major new offensive, which both sides have said could be the decisive battle of the war.

But the general said that around midday (0900 GMT) Wednesday the Iraqis resumed their offensive and attacked again with armour, regular troops and Islamic revolutionary guards along a front of 30 to 40 kilometres.

"I believe this will be a battle lasting four or five days. This battle will be cruel on both sides," he said.

Talking to reporters four hours after he said the attack had started, Gen. Fakhri added that the fighting was still outside the Iraqi front line along the border.

The battle zone is east of Amara, capital of Iraq's Misan province.

"We have a map from one prisoner showing that the main objective is to get to Amara," Gen. Fakhri said.

The general, who did not disclose Iraqi losses, said Iranian casualties had been very heavy. Iraq had counted 7,000 dead but he estimated Iran had lost 15,000 men.

Gen. Fakhri, who said he had just come from the front, told the reporters that at that time (1300 GMT) Iranian forces had not penetrated into Iraq.

Some of 30 prisoners who he said had been taken Wednesday were brought before the general.

ragged, bewildered Revolutionary Guards aged 14 or 15. One dark, curly-headed boy trembled and fought back tears. Others looked defiant.

As dusk fell and Iraqi artillery opened up a furious barrage, some of the teenagers told Reuters correspondent Subby Haddad they had carried rocket grenade launchers in the battle.

Through an Iraqi interpreter they added they had spent one night at the front before being captured.

The burly general, who was red-eyed from 48 hours without sleep, is a veteran commander of the Gulf War, which began in Sept. 1980 when Iraq smashed into Iran.

Last year Iran turned the tide and Iraq pulled back to defend its own frontiers.

The general said: "Until this moment, Iran has not launched its main attack of the offensive. Iran has mobilised as many of its forces as it can. They have taken them from schools. They do an 11-day course and then they come to the front."

"I think this talk of human waves can be exaggerated but they do rely on numerical superiority more than any other army," Gen. Fakhri said.

Reporters had expected to be taken up to the Iraqi front line but remained at corps headquarters because of the new fighting. "Your lives are precious to us," Gen. Fakhri said.

The night sky could be seen flickering with the flashes of artillery fire.

Between Amara and the battle zone Iraqi supply convoys rumbled along the main road. The terrain on the Iraqi side of the frontier is a flat plain flanked by lakes and swamps.

## 2 Poles escape to Sweden

KARLSHAMN, Sweden (R) — Two Poles commandeered a military helicopter in Gdansk and flew 300 kilometres across the Baltic to Tarnow Island near this southern Swedish port where they

asked for political asylum, police reported.

They said they were holding the two men but declined to identify them. The two were wearing military flying gear when picked up.

## NEWS IN BRIEF

## 'Malaysia will remain secular'

KUALA LUMPUR (R) — Multiracial Malaysia should never be turned into an Islamic state, its first Prime Minister Tunku Abdul Rahman told a banquet to mark his 80th birthday Tuesday night. The Tunku (prince), internationally recognised for his services to Islam, said Malaysia was set up a secular state with Islam as the official religion and this was enshrined in the constitution.

## S. Yemen to get British ambassador

LONDON (R) — Britain is to post an ambassador in South Yemen after a break of eight years, the Foreign Office said. A Foreign Office spokesman said Ambassador Peter Williams would replace the present charge d'affaires because of an increase in the workload at the embassy in Aden.

## Startling revelation at Smalley's trial

DALLAS (R) — British arms dealer Ian Smalley claimed the defence minister of the United Arab Emirates was involved in a conspiracy to deliver an illegal shipment of tanks to Iran, a government witness said. Don Winkler, a U.S. customs agent, also said Mr. Smalley told him he planned to kill the crew of the ship carrying the tanks to stop them disclosing that the shipment had been diverted from the Gulf state to Iran. Mr. Winkler, who posed as a retired U.S. Marine colonel during a 15-month undercover operation, said he asked Mr. Smalley in Seagoville, Texas, in Aug. 1981 if he could get a letter from the United Arab Emirates (UAE) promising to make the tanks available for U.S. forces if war broke out in the region. "He said from the amount of money the defence minister was making out of the deal, he would give him anything but the country," Mr. Winkler told the court. The defence minister was not mentioned by name.

## Election candidates attacked in Assam

NEW DELHI (R) — Extremists opposed to elections next week in the northeast Indian state of Assam have made a series of attacks on candidates in a bid to stop the poll, police sources said Wednesday. The attacks, part of a wave of violence in which more than 30 people have died in the past week, pose a major security problem for police guarding Prime Minister Indira Gandhi, who is due to visit the state Thursday.

## U.S. army short of reserves

WASHINGTON (R) — The U.S. army has less than half the reserves it would need if war broke out — and many reservists could not be called up either because their addresses are unknown or because they are not trained, a Congressional report said. The General Accounting Office (GAO) report said the army had 227,000 reserves against an estimate that 456,000 would be needed as reinforcements in the first 90 days of a war. It said army planners estimate a war in Europe now would take 225,000 casualties in the first 90 days.

## Report of Soviet rescue in Afghanistan confirmed

ISLAMABAD (R) — Western diplomats in Islamabad have corroborated Indian news agency reports that in a recent attack on a guerrilla base a group of Soviet advisers was freed from a month of captivity in the hands of Afghan rebels.

The Press Trust of India (PTI) news agency reported from Kabul on Friday that of 17 advisers abducted, crack Afghan troops freed 11, four were killed during the rescue operation and two had earlier been tortured to death by their captors.

The diplomats, who receive information from their missions in Kabul, said the rebels had captured 16 advisers. They killed four and Soviet troops rescued the remaining 12.

They said the bodies of the four were mutilated, suggesting torture.

The Pakistan-based Afghan resistance group Harakat Inqilab Islami, which claimed responsibility for the abduction from the town of Mazar-i-Sharif in northern Afghanistan, has said it has no information about the rescue.

The diplomats said the rescue operation required efficient intelligence to pinpoint the mountain retreat in which the advisers were being held.

They said all the rebels in the hideout were killed but they did not know how many there were or when the operation was carried out. PTI said it was on Feb. 1.

Western diplomats and Afghan resistance sources in neighbouring Pakistan said that after the abduction Soviet and Afghan troops made house-to-house searches in Mazar-i-Sharif and launched frequent bombing raids on rebel hideouts in the mountains nearby.

## Foot ready to quit if it helps in elections

LONDON (R) — British opposition leader Michael Foot has said he would stand down as head of the Labour Party if it would help Labour to form the next government.

"If I thought I could assist the Labour Party by clearing out, of course I would do so," the 69-year-old leader said.

He was commenting on television on a public opinion poll that showed half the population thought Conservative Prime Minister Margaret Thatcher the best prime minister available.

But Mr. Foot made clear that he expected and wanted to lead a future government of the Labour Party, which has ruled Britain for 17 of the 38 years since the end of World War II.

"It is a team job that Britain needs, not any false sense of leadership of one kind or another," he said.

The opinion poll, conducted by Marplan for the British Broadcasting Corporation (BBC),

showed that 50 per cent of those questioned thought Mrs. Thatcher the best prime minister now available, with 22 per cent for Liberal leader David Steel, 18 per cent for Mr. Foot, and 10 per cent for Social Democratic leader Roy Jenkins.

The Marplan polls also showed Mrs. Thatcher's Conservative Party had a lead of 15 per cent over Mr. Foot's Labour Party.

Some 46 per cent of those surveyed backed the Conservatives, 31 per cent Labour, and 22 per cent the Liberal-Social Democrat alliance.

Mr. Foot commented: "I do not think anybody should just believe the polls because they very often get it wrong and make contradictory statements."

But he admitted that Labour had still to get across its case on what he called two great themes: How to end unemployment and get Britain back to work, and how to stop the nuclear arms race.

## London declares truce with press after wrangle

LONDON (R) — Britain's Conservative government has declared a truce in a four-month dispute with the press after an all-night sitting of Parliament heard Prime Minister Margaret Thatcher's official spokesman described as a thug.

Cabinet Minister John Biffen said restrictions on the distribution of government documents to journalists, imposed after a row over advance publication of a list of awards to participants in last year's Falklands War, are to be relaxed.

Mr. Biffen, whose responsibilities include managing government business in the House of Commons and coordinating information services, made the

announcement towards the end of a 19-hour sitting of Parliament.

It followed an outburst by Tam Daylell, a constant critic in Parliament of Mrs. Thatcher's conduct of the Falklands War, in which he complained of "squalid news management" and said Bernard Ingham, her chief press secretary, was a thug who should be found another job in the civil service.

Mr. Biffen rejected the charge of news manipulation and defended Mr. Ingham. He said restrictions were being relaxed following an assurance from newspapers that they would try in future to honour government embargoes.

## Paris pledges to stimulate faltering state-run industries

PARIS (R) — France's socialist government, on the eve of the first anniversary of sweeping nationalisation, pledged Wednesday massive injections of funds for the state-run companies which it hopes will stimulate an economic revival.

Industry Minister Jean-Pierre Chevènement told journalists the government had adopted a plan to give state industries 20.2 billion francs (\$2.9 billion) in capital in 1983.

The government has made nationalisation a central plank of its economic reforms, but controversy has arisen over the ability of the state-run industries to maintain their autonomy.

When the nationalisation bill was decreed constitutional on

Feb. 11 last year, state control spread to one quarter of total industrial production and one quarter of investments. In addition, the government nationalised over 90 per cent of the banking system.

Critics have questioned whether enormous losses facing most of the newly nationalised industries would allow them to fulfill their role as a driving force for the French economy.

Announcing the fund injection Wednesday, he said 12.45 billion francs (\$1.8 billion) would come in a direct grant from the state budget. The remainder would be partially made up by issuing participation rights, a new form of non-voting share in nationalised industries, and issues of debentures.

## Argentina receives 20 Mirages

BUENOS AIRES (R) — Argentina recently took delivery of about 20 more Mirage III fighter bombers, bringing to over 70 the number it has bought since last year's Falklands (Malvinas) conflict with Britain, diplomatic sources here said.

The latest batch of French-designed supersonic jets was transferred from Buenos Aires port to the city's Jorge Newbery airport during the night of Feb. 1, the sources added.

Police sealed off the airfield, which is near the port, for several hours on Feb. 1 after the last civilian flight had departed. No off-

icial explanation was given. A similar operation took place on Dec. 19, when a shipment of arms was also reported to have been transferred to the military section of the airfield.

The sources said it was not clear where the latest batch of Mirages had come from, although some of the planes were believed to have Peruvian air force markings.

Peru, a close ally of Argentina during the Falklands conflict with Britain, sold the Argentine air force 10 Mirages several months ago, according to arms trade and diplomatic sources.

## Large crowd attends Miss Carpenter's funeral

LOS ANGELES (R) — More than 1,500 people, including singer Olivia Newton-John and composer Burt Bacharach, packed a funeral service Tuesday for Karen Carpenter, of the Carpenters, who died last week.

Miss Carpenter, 32, of the brother-and-sister singing duo, died of an apparent heart attack in Los Angeles after being treated for 18 months for anorexia nervosa, or compulsive dieting.

Many of the mourners were young women fans dressed in black, some of them weeping. Red roses and white carnations were placed on the white coffin.

Miss Carpenter's brother, Richard, who recorded with her such hits as "We've only just begun" and "Rainy days and Mondays," supported his parents. Another hit song, "Close to you" was played during the service.

The minister, Charles Neal, told the congregation: "She captured the world's hearts with friendship, love and joy. She experienced love and heartache, health and illness."

The service was relayed from the downy United Methodist church, where the family and close friends gathered, to fans standing outside.

## GOREN BRIDGE

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East-West vulnerable. East deals.

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Opening lead: Eight of ♠.

The San Francisco team of

Ron von der Porten, Kyle

Larsen, Peter Pender, Hugh

Ross, Chip Martel and Lew

Stansby won the Grand National Team Championship at the Summer North American Championships in Albuquerque, N.M., in July. In doing so, they became the first team to qualify for the trials to select the U.S. team for the 1984 World Team Olympiad.

Von der Porten, South, liked his hand's playing potential enough to overcall two diamonds even though the quality of the suit left

something to be desired. East intercepted a club bid as a lead director. Since South knew from his partner's cue-bid that he would find good trumps in the North hand, he persevered with five diamonds.

The opening lead left the club situation unclear. East won the ace of clubs and shifted to the king of hearts. Declarer ruffed and, since East was a favorite to hold the king of diamonds, he continued with a trump to the ace. Next came three rounds of spades, and when everyone followed, the stage was set for an end play. Declarer simply exited with a trump, not really caring who won the king.

East was on lead with the king of diamonds, and he was about to solve declarer's problems in the club suit. If he returned a club, marking him with that suit, declarer would have finessed the jack and then shed his last club on the thirteenth spade. As it was, East was down to nothing but hearts. When he forced led a heart, declarer discarded a club from hand while ruffing in dummy, then took a discard of the jack of clubs on the thirteenth spade.

In the other room, the Detroit team took a phantom sacrifice at six diamonds doubled. San Francisco gained 14 International Match Points on the hand and went on to win the final by a score of 160-94 IMPs.

## THE WEEKEND CROSSWORD

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## DIABLERIE

By Margaret Judah

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